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Once upon a time Christmas banned

By JUDY SUGA
Staff Writer

Christmas, celebrated in most of the world, was once banned in Christendom itself because of its pagan origin and excessive frivolity.

When the Puritans, under Oliver Cromwell, came to power in 1642, there were penalties for celebrating Christmas or staying home from work on Christmas day. Nor was it a legal holiday in Puritan New England until 1856.

Most Christmas customs were around before Christ was. December 25 was not established as the date of Christmas until the middle of the fourth century, but it had been a significant non-Christian date long before then.

Since it marked the winter solstice and the return of the sun bringing longer days, it was the birthday of the Persian sun-god Mithra and marked the Roman Saturnalia, a time of great debauchery.

The practice had its roots in ancient Babylon when the sun-god ruler Nimrod was pictured as a log (now the Yule log) burned on the eve of Dec. 24, to be reborn the next day as an evergreen tree.

Saturnalia, dedicated to the god of agriculture and the renewed power of the sun, is believed to be the originator of modern Christmas merry-making, including excesses in food and drink, the exchange of gifts, and a practice which came to be known in the Middle Ages as the Lord of Misrule. A commoner or servant would be given authority to rule during the Christmas season.

It is believed Christ was not born in winter, but in early October, when the Roman government held its population census for which Mary and Joseph were in Bethlehem. Further, the shepherds would not have been in the open field with their flocks, as the Bible says they were, during the winter rainy season, because the flocks were confined by the end of autumn.

The burning of the Yule log was continued by Scandinavian tribes when huge bonfires were lit in honor of the winter solstice.

Evergreens were worshipped by Celtic and Teutonic tribes as symbols of eternal life. Legend has it that Martin Luther was the first to decorate a Christmas tree.

The Druids ascribed magical properties to the mistletoe, a practice which likely originated with the Babylonians, who saw it as a symbol of a messiah. They believed it to be a branch from heaven that grew on an earthly tree, and kissing under it was a token of pardon and reconciliation. The Druids believed fertility would be ensured if they kissed under the mistletoe.

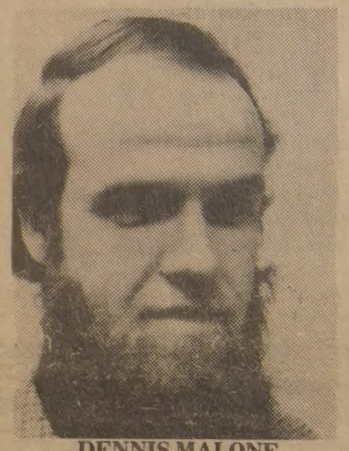
The holly was worshipped as a promise of the sun's return. Folk tales relate that the berries, once white, were put on Christ's crown of thorns and turned red from his blood.

Armenians and some eastern Europeans follow the eastern custom of celebrating Christmas on Jan. 6, known as the day of Epiphany, believed to be the day the Christ child was baptized.

Legend states St. Francis of Assissi began Christmas carols and the nativity scene in 13th-century Italy, and St. Nicholas, the forerunner of Santa Claus, was a beneficent fourth-century bishop of Asia Minor. The first Christmas greeting card was sent in 1844 in the United States.

'Doomsday report' incomplete: Malone

By PAUL WILSON
Staff Writer



DENNIS MALONE

The doomsday predictions for Niagara College, as forecast in a recent government report on declining enrolment, are inaccurate, incomplete and use unnecessary scare tactics, according to Dennis Malone, chairman of the college's English department.

He called the province's Nov. 14 report "a totally misleading statement of what's going to happen. Even in its limited approach, it has holes large enough to drive a truck through."

Brock University, which was also given a gloomy diagnosis, judged the study to be statistically unsound.

The university used the front page of its Nov. 24 newsletter to attack the report's mathematics: "Judging by the mathematical errors and quantum leaps in logic exhibited, the people responsible for the document would probably fail even the most rudimentary of exams."

SERIOUS SHORTCOMINGS

While Mr. Malone agrees that there are errors in what the report presents, he feels its most serious shortcoming is in what it has ignored.

Changing participation rates of women, new programs for certification and upgrading and a strengthened image of the college within the community are all factors which he feels will vitally affect the future of Niagara.

He criticizes the report for devoting one final paragraph to these factors. Declining high school enrolment is singled out and "waved as a red flag, and it's just not that simple."

Mr. Malone, who has prepared a study on the variables affecting enrolment at Niagara College, sees the participation of women as one element that is crucial to the future of the college.

SIGNIFICANT ROLE

"Women are playing a much more significant role in both the marketplace and education than they did a decade ago. At Niagara college for example, females made up 23 per cent of the student body in 1967, 31 per

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Propose fee hike for SAC

A proposal will be sent to the finance committee of the college to raise the student fees to $40 from $35, Jeff Adamson, Student Administrative Council (SAC) president, said.

The fees go to SAC and make up its operating budget for the year, Jeff said.

Ten dollars per student goes to the athletic department to cover all athletic expenditures including travel expenses for varsity teams, officials' fees, and intramural leagues.

The increase in student fees may partially cover an increase in the athletic budget, Jeff said. The athletic department is considering adding three more varsity squads next year and needs the additional money to support these teams.

If the college population is about 2,500 SAC gets $87,500 in student fees, of which $25,000 goes to athletics. An increase in student fees to $40 would make the total money available to SAC $100,000.

The athletic budget is determined by giving athletic co-ordinator Peter Rylander $10 per student to cover all athletic expenditures.

The increase in fees may increase the athletic budget but nothing is certain yet, Jeff said.

No money was budgeted for this in the current SAC budget but the area will have to be kept up once it is furnished, which will be sometime in the new year.

In the News...

This year's Christmas edition is 20 pages — the biggest edition of the Niagara News printed in its nine-year history.

Look for more Christmas features on pages 10 and 11. Sports can be found on pages 14 to 17, and entertainment on page 13.

Students were required to fill out information forms as part of the procedure at the two-day age of majority card clinic. SAC volunteers helped to lessen the confusion. (Photo by Gard)

Hundreds wait in line for age of majority cards

By CHERYL GARD
Staff Writer

The lines were long and slow-moving as Niagara College students turned out in full force for the two-day age of majority clinic on Dec. 4 and 5.

The clinic was part of a special project operated at colleges and universities by the Liquor Licence Board of Ontario (LLBO) to provide students with age of majority cards. All licensed premises will require the cards for identification when the drinking age is raised to 19 Jan. 1, 1979.

Mary Poaps, administrative officer of the LLBO, calls the card "the best identification there is" because three pieces of identification, usually driver's licence, birth certificate and social insurance card are required to get the card and it carries the owner's picture.

Cards are also being issued to older people because they are excellent identification for cashing cheques, although this is not the card's primary purpose, Miss Poaps said.

Credentials were checked and rechecked by LLBO officials and Student Administrative Council volunteers to make sure they were correct. "We do everything within our power — short of undressing them to check for identifying marks — to make sure that only those who deserve a card get one," Miss Poaps said.

Despite their precautions, some underage students do get through, but this happens very seldom, Miss Poaps said. Any student caught using fake ID could be liable to 14 years in jail for using false pretences and impersonating someone else, she said.

The LLBO has been running clinics across Ontario since June and usually processes an average of about 500 cards a day, more than one card a minute. This figure depends on whether students come prepared with the proper identification and how long it takes them to fill out the forms, Miss Poaps said.

The whole procedure took about an hour from start to finish but it was worth the wait. For a $2 fee Niagara students saved themselves the cost of a photo and the hassle of mailing and can now look forward to a worry-free New Year's celebration.

Enrollment increases

The approximate final audited registration figures for the 1978-79 academic year at Niagara College show increases in the schools of applied arts and business and an overall increase of 4.5 per cent for the college.

As of Nov. 1, the full-time post-secondary enrolment was 2,514 and an additional 14 students in a co-op work term in the legal assistance program. Withdrawal to the end of October totalled 114.

Weather

Cloudy and cold

Forecast for the Niagara Region and Southern Ontario today: Cold with flurries. Low temperatures of -6 to -10 with highs ranging from freezing to -3. Clouding over most of the day.

Central Ontario: Flurries and not as cold. Lows from -12 to -16. High temperatures near -6.

Northern Ontario: Clouding over with flurries. Lows near -23 with highs from -7 to -11.

Temperatures are expected to remain below freezing.

Doomsday

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cent in 1968, and 56 per cent in 1977."

Mr. Malone said the college must continue to capitalize on this trend, both in high school recruitment and in the community at large.

Through films and workshops, such as the Welcome Back seminar held by the college in September, efforts are being made to sell women on the benefits of regular or extension courses.

Mr. Malone said this has a multiplier effect — after a woman has taken a course and enters the workforce, she may discover that even a better position is available if she gets additional training at the college.

Mr. Malone said advancement courses are another effective means of selling the college to the community.

"As the pool of high school graduates begins to dwindle, there will be a shift towards greater emphasis on career advancement as opposed to career preparation. This could involve up-grading, certification, refresher courses, seminars, and any other activities geared to people already in the work force."

FOR CERTIFICATION

Accounting and ambulance work are fields where the community colleges are now being used for certification purposes, "They seem to be trusting us more," Mr. Malone said.

He cited the example of Confederation College as a case of how Niagara could market itself to the industrial community. Confederation approached the city of Thunder Bay and proposed to undertake a training study — at the city's expense — to determine the upgrading needs of the municipal employees.

The college recommended a program and Thunder Bay bought it. "Confederation developed a money-making proposition, and it didn't cost them a penny," Mr. Malone said.

He said Niagara has already held programs for industry, such as a supervisory relations course for General Motors foremen.

STIFF COMPETITION

He acknowleged that Niagara and other community colleges can expect some stiff competition from universities who will view upgrading and certification programs as a means to boast their own sagging enrolments.

"They're not going to sit still. But I think we've got a head start. We've got a good identity in the community for providing business and industrial training. And our staff has been doing it for quite a while. We're good at it."

Mr. Malone said "it's absolutely inevitable that the universities will begin wooing the community colleges." He said that the planned co-operative early childhood education program between Niagara and Brock might be an example. The student would take his first two years at Niagara and another two at Brock, earning a bachelors degree.

Mr. Malone feels it is uncertain to what extent such programs will be implemented, in that the province "has not set up community colleges to be junior colleges" where the college training is merely a step in reaching university.

Dinner to go gobble, gobble

Six 25-pound turkeys are being prepared by John Hubeny, Niagara Frontier Caterers' chef at the college, for a student-staff Christmas dinner to be held Wednesday in the cafeteria.

The price of $1.75 buys a choice of soup or juice, roast turkey with sage, savory and mushroom stuffing, mashed potatoes and gravy, peas and carrots, roll and butter and cranberry sauce.

Dessert is extra: plum pudding with vanilla sauce and Christmas cake.

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Coming Up:

Dec. 14
Niagara — Your Community College (60 mins.)

Host: Larry Cote

Guests: Dr. A. Goss, anthropology; Fred Bassi, boxing; Ivar Noren, rowing; Jeff Adamson, SAC president; Barbara DaCosta, SAC vice-president.

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Taping date: Dec. 13, 8-9 p.m. Studio audience welcome.

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Jackie and Gail are hooked...

Jacqueline Robarts, college president, is hard at work hooking the rug she is donating to the Celebrate Canada Festival while Gail Hilyer, festival committee convener, admires and urges her on. The hanging rug, 24 by 36 inches, will depict a moonlight dock in white with a variety of blues. Tickets go on sale in January at 50 cents each or three for $1. The third annual Celebrate Canada Festival is to be held from Thursday to Saturday, Feb. 15 to 17. The multi-faceted program will include: the largest arts and crafts show in the peninsula; dramatist Norma Edwards enacting characters from Margaret Laurence's works; a geriatrics seminar by a recognized expert, Dr. Joyce Boillat of Montreal; a seminar on a modern problem, child abuse; and the St. Catharines Symphony Orchestra in roving ensembles and open rehearsal.

(Photo by Ploner)

Too few attend, no SAC changes

Proposed changes in the constitution of Student Administrative Counsil (SAC) could not be made at the last meeting because too few people attended.

At least five per cent of the student body — about 125 students — have to attend a meeting and two-thirds of them vote in favor of the changes before the constitution could be amended. Fewer than 50 attended the Nov. 28 meeting.

Jeff Adamson, SAC president, said something "definitely should be done about the constitution," but because of the lack of students, there was "no way" the changes could be made.

The changes being proposed are an increase in honorariums for council members, the addition of club convener to the SAC executive, abolishing positions which are no longer held and lowering the percentage needed to make the changes in the constitution.

The council will decide this week on how to get enough people to vote on these changes. It has been suggested that the next meeting be held in the cafeteria to get enough student interest or that ballot boxes be set up through the school for a student to vote.

The council wants an increase in honorariums to bring them in line with other community colleges across Ontario.

'NOT ENOUGH'

Jeff said the "payment is not enough" for the work that members put into the council in addition to their regular classroom studies.

One change will add the club convener to the executive. The office has not been part of the executive but the position is held by Gail Caperchione.

Gail said she was disappointed by the turnout at the meeting but said SAC was not expecting enough students to go to the meeting.

Gary Gizzie, vice-president for athletics, said it is just "a general lack of interest" among students in all activities, not just this one.

In the original constitution, two secretarial positions were created — a corresponding secretary and a recording secretary. However, Debbie Liddycoat has worked full-time in the SAC office handling all secretarial duties since 1976 and the positions are no longer part of the executive.

Another change will reduce the percentage needed to effect changes in the constitution.

Support staff vote on strike Jan. 11

By JOE WALLACE
Staff Writer

Niagara College support staff will take a strike vote Jan. 11 after delegates representing Ontario's 22 community colleges decided to send the vote to their memberships.

College support staff, members of local 243 Ontario Public Service Employees Union (OPSEU) support staff, will be in a legal position to strike Jan. 22 should the membership decide to do so.

Kay Steele, president of local 243, said the delegates at a Dec. 2 Toronto meeting voted unanimously to send the strike vote to the memberships.

Mrs. Steele said she would outline the positions of both sides and "lay it out in dollars and cents" to the membership. They will decide if they should go on strike, Mrs. Steele said.

"If we don't go on strike, we (support staff) will lose all credibility at the bargaining table," Mrs. Steele said.

Contract negotiations resumed after the union voted in early November to turn down the college's previous offer. Those talks broke off two weeks ago, and the Globe and Mail quoted Gerry Griffin, a union negotiator, as saying the two sides were "miles apart" on the issues of wages and fringe benefits.

Locals across the province voted 96 per cent in favor of turning down the contract Oct. 21.

Contract negotiations in the first round of talks broke off Aug. 8 and support staff has been working without a contract since the end of August.

The fact finder in the dispute, lawyer Ross Kennedy, said the point separating the sides is wages, and he recommended a mediator be appointed.

He said both sides agree on a 2.8 per cent increase for September to December of this year, because of anti-inflation guidelines.

The union sought a 14.5 per cent increase starting in January, but its demands have changed to a seven per cent increase.

The latest management offer is 2.78 per cent from Sept. 1 to March 21, and a six per cent increase from April 1 to Aug. 31 next year.

Support staff also seek an extra week vacation and better contract language, Mrs. Steele said.

The 123-member support staff is made up of secretaries, technicians and some maintenance staff.

News goes weekly

The Niagara News will be published weekly next term.

The weekly schedule will be interupted by the annual Winter Study Break at the end of Febuary and at the end of March when the second year students prepare to go on field placement for the month of April.

SAC donates $500 to city Rose Fest

A $500 donation — the first of its kind — has been made by the Student Administrative Council (SAC) to the Welland Rose Festival.

Rosanne Garisto, vice-president of external affairs, said it is the first time in the 17 years of the festival that an organization has approached the festival with the offer of funds.

Rosanne said she couldn't see why the college had never made a donation to the festival and decided "it's time to get off our behinds."

The council decided $500 was a fair donation to make and challenged other institutions to meet or beat the amount.

Rosanne attended the first festival committee meeting Nov. 23 to make the donation.

It had to be made then or else the "impact wouldn't have been as great," she said.

The money will come from part of ther SAC budget set aside for donations, she said. Other donations have been made to the Celebrate Canada Festival, $500, and the Welland Minor Basketball Association, $50.

The festival will be held in June, 1979. Rosanne suggested the college enter a float in the festival parade and enter the college queen in the beauty pageant.

The matter was not brought before a SAC general meeting because the donation had to be made the night of the closed SAC meeting, Rosanne said.

Changes in convocation

There may be three convocations at Niagara College this year, instead of two as in previous years, Jeff Adamson, Student Administrative Council (SAC) president, told a SAC general meeting Nov. 28.

Two convocations are held now, one for the nursing students in mid-summer and one for the rest of the college.

The change would create a third convocation. The rest of the college — apart from nursing — would be split into two groups and the two convocations held one weekend in June, Jeff said.

The changes would cut down on costs and help allow more friends of graduates to attend the ceremonies.

Tentative dates for this year's convocation are June 8-9, Jeff said.

Steele claims improper job posting

The support staff union president has accused the personnel office of improper job posting in advertising a secretarial job with an Early Childhood Education diploma as a requirement.

Kay Steele, president of the Ontario Public Service Employees Union (OPSEU) support staff, local 243, said the person hired for the job is being classified as a secretary 1 to perform two jobs: secretarial and nursery assistant.

The job posting says, "An early childhood education diploma is required to enable the incumbent to explain programs to enquirers, and to act as a vacation replacement in the Day Care Centre." It begins: "Applications are invited for the position of secretary 1...." The term of employment is from Dec. 18 to June 15.

KAY STEELE

Glenn Pevere, personnel officer, said secretarial work is the main part of the job, and the diploma is "desirable for the ideal candidate. We may, or may not, end up with that."

Mrs. Steele said, "They're taking advantage of the skills and paying them a lower rate. It's outrageous."

Mr. Pevere said the vacation part of the job is small and the person would be paid for any nursery work.

Margaret Hamilton, program co-ordinator of early childhood education, said she needed an early childhood education graduate so the person hired could fill in for vacationing staff if necessary.

LIST QUALIFICATIONS

OPSEU classifications say a secretary 1 should be proficient in typing, shorthand and/or dictaphone, able to produce reports and act independently to exercise judgment in handling departmental matters.

The qualification for a nursery assistant is an early childhood education diploma.

Mrs. Steele said job posting should indicate minimum requirements, and not what is desirable. She said it seemed the posting was written so precisely that those advertising might have a particular person in mind.

If no changes are made in the posting, the union will initiate a classification change to put the person into the proper classification, she said.

Mrs. Hamilton said the position is unique, but just what she needs. The job was advertised for a six-month period because the trial day care centre runs for that length of time, she said. If the centre ran longer, so would the job.

Mrs. Steele charged that the length of time for the job "keeps the person out of the union" which says a member must be employed for six months. The term of employment is six months less three days.

EDITORIAL PAGE I

Letters / Opinions

There's reason behind Dec. 25

It's a little known fact, but Jesus Christ's birthday is not on Dec. 25. Astrologers say the Star made its rendezvous with Bethlehem sometime in Oc tober. And historic documents clearly state that Joseph and Mary were involved in an autumn census.

So why do people celebrate Christ's birthday at the end of the year?

I have a few theories on this matter.

First of all, if the Christmas season were in October, the actual birthdate of Christ, then merchants would be denied huge Christmas sales and would lose revenue. No one would want to spend money on presents after the back-to-school sales.

And one Canadian Thanksgiving turkey could be eaten in celebration of two festivals.

Of course the politicians had the most to do with moving the Christmas season. Election campaign time falls in the month of October and a doorstep on the average home can hold only so many people. There would be the carollers singing for peace and the politicians for votes.

If Christmas were in October, though, people at shopping plazas would have a choice. They could listen to Santa Claus give promises to the children, or they could listen to politicians and their promises.

Needless to say, I wish you a Merry Christmas and hope to see you next year.

Peter Epp

Christmas has its purpose

Sometimes, after reading the front page of newspapers, or watching the nightly television news, one finds it difficult to remember just what the Christmas season really means. In between the shots of troops and demonstrators in Iran, and the masses of bodies in Guyana, with refugees staggering ashore from their floating prison-homes, one has to wonder at the level of humanity that is said to inhabit "civilization."

Do the dozens of department store Santas really mean anything when half the world is starving?

Yes they do. And yes the Christmas season really does have a meaning. If only to prove to people that for a short time their differences can be forgotten, the weapons can be silent in honor of the birth of a child whose life has come to symbolize the best that man is capable of achieving.

The wonderment in a small child's eyes, the genuine neighborliness, the rare, quiet times spent with one's family, although often cited as trifling and old-fashioned, help in a small way to remind us that life need not be as dull and mundane as we often tend to believe.

Despite all the turmoil in the previous 11 months, it's reassuring to know that for a few hours mankind acknowledges the fact that it is not all-encompassing: Events do occur which cannot be ignored or explained away.

One hopes the spirit of comradery that exists for these few days will continue on into the new year.

Phyllis Barnatt

Secrecy shrouds SAC donation

The Student Administrative Council (SAC) has donated $500 of the student's money to the Rose Festival.

The circumstances surrounding the donation are indeed a bit cloudy.

SAC made the donation Nov. 24, without telling any class or division representative or bringing the issue up at a general meeting.

The secrecy about the decision puzzles this writer as well as quite a few other students I have spoken to.

Did SAC, in some secret and special meeting, decide they had too much money and needed some way to rid themselves of $500?

Or did they feel that the decision was not important enough to let other members of the council (class and division representatives) who have voting privileges, in on the idea?

Was this idea just some public relations gimmick intended to endear the students of Niagara to the community at large?

The whole idea of the donation, along with these three questions, deserves a long, hard look from concerned students.

Since this donation has been made, will it bring on a surge of similar ones to the Grape and Wine festival in St. Catharines and the Blossom Festival in Niagara Falls?

Isn't it only fair that since Niagara serves as many students from St. Catharines and Niagara Falls that donations of equal amount be made to the festivals in those cities?

Or, why didn't SAC take the money earmarked for the Rose Festival and add it to the money given to the Celebrate Canada Festival ($500), since it is more college-oriented and serves the city as well?

The Rose festival will be held in June, 1979, long after the last students have left Niagara College. At least the Grape and Wine festival is held during the school year and the Celebrate Canada Festival is held here when all students are in class.

Why the pressing urgency about the donation? Surely the festival's organizers would have accepted the donation at a later date. A pre-occupation with being the first group to make a donation this year may have stopped SAC from using proper channels in making this money available.

What would have happened if, at a general SAC meeting, the idea had been voted down by class and division representatives?

SAC couldn't very well go back and ask the festival to return the money. So, in effect, they have made this donation without any regard for class and division representatives.

Perhaps when SAC is making changes in its constitution, it should put in an amendment stating that before any money is given away, a full vote of all members of the council, including class and division reps, be taken. It may not stop the donation, but it may clear up the aura of secrecy that pervades this particular giveaway. **Doug Smith**

Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor:

In reply to your editorial (Pubs lose $, need good bands, Vol. 9, No. 5) on pub losses and the need for good bands, pub nights are and should continue to be an inexpensive night out for Niagara College students. SAC is a non-profit organization that is meant to provide services to the students and losses from pubs are expected.

Using your hypothetical example in which you erroneously omitted overhead costs, for pub to break even, beer would have to cost more than $1.20 with admission price being $2 for students. But SAC's pub is not a hotel nor does it intend to be. These prices would also have to increase if the bands' fee rose past $900.

Concerning your comment on "good bands," it is my intention this year to book only Canadian bands. Pubs have had as entertainment this year, Juno Award winners, (Lisa dal Bello and Cooper Brothers), Massey Hall concert participants (Zon, and Saga) and Ian Thomas.

What more can I say; your answer is not so simple.

Anyone with suggestions and comments is welcome to come to the SAC office and discuss them; this way we can get all the facts straight.

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SAC

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BULLPIT

Lounge gets abused

By MARGARET BOYD
Staff Writer

The Mackenzie lounge used to be a good place to read, relax or catch an afternoon soap on television. Now it has an air of decadence, as if a Saturday children's matinee just ended.

Empty coke cans, crumpled-up coffee cups, cigarette butts and gum wrappers occupy floor space along with battered and worn furniture.

A sign posted near the drink machines indicates the necessity of keeping ping-pong paddles in the physical education instructors' offices because of breakage and theft. The television has been moved downstairs because the cord was taken off.

A MESS

George Cottrell, custodian of the Mackenzie building, said the lounge is not a supervised area and the students "get carried away" — thus, the mess.

The lounge is used by all students of the college. Mr. Cottrell said the students are "normally good kids" but he said he would appreciate some co-operation. He has to clean the lounge daily, which shouldn't be necessary because garbage cans are provided for the students' use.

It is too bad students have abused their lounge. When the chairs are beyond repair they are not replaced, Mr. Cottrell said. Unless students want to sit on the floor soon, amid the garbage, which is doubtful, they should learn to put garbage in the facilities provided and treat college property with a little more respect.

EDITORIAL PAGE II

Profile / Curses

PROFILE

She sipped tea with Queen

By PETER EPP
Staff Writer

Rosemary Harris-Lowe, retiring co-ordinator for secretarial arts, is probably the only person at Niagara College who has sipped the Queen's tea at Buckingham Palace and has been in the presence of Winston Churchill.

Mrs. Harris-Lowe, who was born in London, England, and proudly calls herself a British subject, met Winston Churchill when she was the confidential secretary to the New Zealand high commissioner during the Second World War.

"It was a tremendously exciting job," Mrs. Harris-Lowe said. "My husband was doing his bit for the war effort (he was in the Royal Canadian Engineers) and I was glad to do mine."

ROSEMARY HARRIS-LOWE

Met Churchill

She said during the historic Quebec Conference, at which Allied leaders — Roosevelt, Churchill, and King — met, the New Zealand high commissioner visited Churchill privately and Mrs. Harris-Lowe accompanied him.

"He was in bed relaxing, and when we went to see him, he had a huge cigar in one hand and an even larger snifter of brandy in the other," she said. "Even so, his personality dominated the room."

Since she wasn't allowed in the private meetings, Mrs. Harris-Lowe said that was the only time she saw Winston Churchill.

Tea with Queen

In the summer of 1975 Mrs. Harris-Lowe received and accepted an invitation to a garden party held by the Queen at Buckingham Palace.

"At that time I was a student at Oxford (university) for the summer and since my husband had been a member of the GHQ (general headquarters staff), I was invited to the party."

Mrs. Harris-Lowe said she has always been a "great admirer of the Queen." About London, she said, "I go back as often as I can afford to. It's home."

Although she was born in London, she grew up in Auckland, New Zealand and attended girls' school there. Her parents later moved to Victoria, B.C. where she finished her schooling.

She met her husband in British Columbia, and after the Second World War he was offered a job at Ontario Paper.

Mrs. Harris-Lowe became a teacher after her husband died in 1961. She taught in the school of business at Lakeport Secondary School in north St. Catharines.

In April, 1967, she was invited to join the staff of newly-formed Niagara College, and in doing so, took a reduction in pay.

She said the education system at that time offered nothing in the form of post-secondary school education to high school students graduating after four years. "It was all wrong that we were short-changing these people. I have never been sorry I took a reduction in pay."

Being one of the first staff members at Niagara, Mrs. Harris-Lowe has quite a few memories about the college.

"When I came here it was a swamp and the mosquitoes were dreadful."

Mrs. Harris-Lowe said the college at that time was out in the country. "It was very dark at night and the roads were — well, you'd be bogged down in mud."

The college has come a long way in development, Mrs. Harris-Lowe said. "The last time I walked around the campus I really took pleasure. It has been a tremendously satisfying experience being part of this development."

After she officially retires on Dec. 31, Mrs. Harris-Lowe plans to visit her goddaughter in Brisbane, Australia. "Just as soon as I can travel pleasurably, I will go."

One of her great pastimes, she said is the theatre. "One of my great loves is the theatre. I used to do a bit of acting, a bit of professional. One year I took a director's course at Mac (McMaster University) with England's director, Clifford Williams."

Mrs. Harris-Lowe has written a few articles on teaching techniques. Asked if she planned on writing a book, she answered, "Can you tell me any teacher who has not planned to write the Great Canadian Novel?"

She later added, "That's a tongue-in-cheek of course."

CURSES

Can't something be done about...

Ashes ... Pot

Dear Curses Editor:

Would you eat your lunch off an ashtray? If you eat in the cafeteria you almost do. For some time we've noticed the grey streaks on the cafeteria tables and the smell of ashes while we're eating. Well we discovered the answer to this nauseating question. The woman who is supposed to keep the cafeteria clean has a strange way of doing it. She wipes an ashtray with a cloth dumping both ashes and cigarette butts into a bucket of water. Then with the same cloth and the same dirty water she wipes off a table. She continues to wipe both ashtrays and tables in this filthy manner until the cafeteria has clean ashtrays and tables that smell of cigarette butts. Whether you're a smoker or not, this is disgusting. Can't anything be done?

Signed
Two Nauseated
Fashion Arts Students

A Niagara News reporter, stationed at a table in the cafeteria the morning of Nov. 27, witnessed the same cleaning methods the two fashion arts students had observed.

However, Edward Krikorian, building operations supervisor, investigated the matter and said that the lady in question, an employee of the college for four years, used **two** cloths; one to wipe the ashtrays and another to wipe the tables. Two separate buckets on her cart were filled with water for the two tasks.

The tables were "spotless," Mr. Krikorian said, and always have been to his knowledge.

A second year business student was upset after finding a marijuana cigarette butt [roach] on the stairwell leading to the roof in the northeast corner of the Simcoe building.

She said three weeks ago, while going to an English class, the smell of marijuana smoke "was so bad I was choking." She asked the News to find out what could be done about the problem of smoking up in that stairwell.

Staff sergeant Alan Barlow of the Niagara Regional Police Youth Bureau said the maximum sentence for the possession of any narcotic is seven years imprisonment.

He said it is not a problem just at learning institutions, but one that is prevelant throughout the western world. If police become aware of a problem, they can do something about it by arresting people he said.

A.S. Aboud, director of student services, said, "It is very difficult to find persons that smoke up in the stairwell, and catching them while they're doing it is more difficult." He said he has checked out the area in question and found "it really hasn't been that bad." He said he would check further into the matter.

I.J. Giancarlo, dean of applied arts, said he's never seen anyone smoking a marijuana cigarette in the building, but "it is certainly not something we would condone or put up with at the college."

Letters to the Editor

Plod publicity appreciated

Dear Editor:

On behalf of the Celebrate Canada Festival Committee, I would like to thank you very much for the publicity given to the start of the Pedagogues' Plod. We are looking forward with enthusiasm to the plod across Canada as we endeavour to arrive in Vancouver (figuratively speaking) by 1978 02 15.

I wish also to correct an impression from the caption on the photographs of the Plod. The Festival is not an activity of the School of Applied Arts alone nor is my connection with the Festival related to the School.

The Festival is a major project of the whole College, with many many volunteers, both students, staff and Board members, from all schools and branches giving time and energy to ensure that Festival '79 will be an event to remember at Niagara College. It is my privilege to be convener for the Festival and my responsibility to encourage everyone at Niagara and in the Community to participate in the Festival.

Gail Hilyer
Convener
Celebrate Canada Festival
Committee

NC prepares for 'real world'

Dear Editor:

In reply to the article in the Nov. 27 issue of the Niagara News concerning Mr. Muggeridge's objection (Muggeridge objects to sexist window) to our display window, I was under the impression the community college program was constituted to prepare us for the "real world" not shelter us from it. If I wanted to try to raise people's standards, I would have joined the priesthood, not Niagara's marketing program. Nobody's wrist should be slapped here. After all, we were just applying basic marketing principles taught to us by our instructor.

Sincerely,
Jim Muileboom

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Holiday-spirited snowmen smile at the throngs of shoppers filling the Seaway Mall as the Christmas deadline approaches. This is one of many store window displays urging shoppers to come in and browse.

(Photo by Wilson)

NC retirement policy still worries faculty

By PAM RIGHTON
Staff Writer

Niagara College faculty and their union have reiterated not only their oppostion to the college's policy of enforced retirement age at 65, but also the economic situation the retiree would be placed in.

A special meeting for staff to discuss the proposed policy before the Staff and Student Affairs committee Nov. 27 provided much "food for thought," **Tony Custode**, chairman of the committee, said. The briefs presented will be brought to the attention of the Board of Governors at its January meeting.

Thomas Fraser, chemistry instructor, suggested that a policy be devised to hold on to the exceptional employees and "get rid of the ones you have been holding onto to reach their pension years." The proposed policy is "full of holes," he said.

Archibald Jamieson, mechanical instructor, asked that the "day of poverty" be postponed. Using his retirement year of 1988, he estimated his pension plan, after 20 years of service, to be only $2,500 above the poverty line.

R.S. MacCallum, retraining faculty, said it was "demeaning" to have to ask to stay to collect a pension. He suggested the retirement age be set at 70, with no employee being retired by reason of age until he had completed 10 years of service at the college.

The one crucial question, Mr. Custode said, was "Who decides who is or isn't competent?"

Quoting author-physician Leopold Bellack from an article that appeared in the Oct. 10, 1977 issue of Time, Mr. Jamieson said: "Some people who are chronologically 80 are biologically only 60. Their bones, eyes, ears, skin, even reflexes and blood pressure, may be those one expects in a 60-year-old."

YOUNGER THAN 70

The proposed retirement policy, if implemented, would set a mandatory retirement age at 65, with conditions for continued employment. The employee would have to be younger than 70, employed by the college prior to Jan. 1, 1978, and the total of his age and number of years worked at the college would have to be less than 80. Continued employment would be considered only if no permanent full-time staff were on lay-off or about to be laid off.

The policy would also require a written request to the president six months before the retirement date for continued employment, and renewal of the request each year after.

The United States now has a "real tiger by the tail," Mr. Custode said, with the revised Age Discrimination in Employment Act taking effect on Jan. 1, 1979. This federal law prohibits compulsory retirement before age 70. The magic age is now 70 and they now have to find other ways to deal with layoffs, Mr. Custode said.

Mr. Fraser, replying to a question by **Arnot Wilson**, member of the committee, as to whether they were not asking Niagara College to be another welfare institute said, "I want to work for the money."

The two pension plans offered by the college, the Ontario Municipal Employment Retirement Scheme (OMERS) and the Teachers Supperannuation Fund (TSF) would not offer the kind of long term renumeration that would enable an instructor to live in the manner to which he is accustomed to, since pension plans are designed to pay off in 25 to 30 years. The college has only been in existence for 11 years.

Nothing has been "cast in cement," Mr. Custode said. The final decision is in the hands of the Board of Governors.

Theatre dilemma

No solution for new facilities found

By EDDI VENTRESCA
Staff Writer

Upgrading the present lighting system in the theatre centre, arranging for use of Brock University facilities in the second term and requesting a new system in next year's capital budget if the existing one cannot be repaired were recommendations made by I.J. Giancarlo, dean of applied arts, in a report to the president.

The theatre centre on Empire Street was closed down three weeks ago because the lighting system did not meet safety standards.

A brief presented to the Student Administrative Council (SAC) by John Rapsey, theatre arts program co-ordinator, outlined the hazards with the present lighting board. Mr. Rapsey appealed to SAC for $12,000, part of the cost of a $30,000 system to replace the one that is "totally unreliable and has repeatedly broken down, necessitating costly repairs." SAC tabled the request.

On Nov. 29 a meeting between Niagara College and Brock University theatre staff was held and the possibility of co-operation between the two schools was considered.

CONSIDERS BROCK

"Brock may be able to allow Niagara College the use of some facilities such as the Thistle Theatre for the production of our play in April," Mr. Giancarlo said. An intensive lighting course may be taken by the students at Brock to make up for lost time this term.

Mr. Giancarlo visited the Thistle Theatre workshop and College of Education Theatre. "The workshops are small and sufficient only to accommodate Brock's 75 drama students."

The Royal George Theatre in Niagara-on-the-Lake was visited following a suggestion made at the Board of Governors meeting Nov. 23.

Harry Picken, vice chairman of the Board of Governors, told the board the vacant Royal George Theatre "needs very little modification, can accommodate classrooms and has a projection room."

LIGHTS UNSATISFACTORY

Mr. Giancarlo said the theatre and seating are acceptable, "but the stage lacks a satisfactory lighting system."

"The rooms in the basement are attractive but in the opinion of the theatre arts staff would be insufficient to accommodate all theatre arts technical activities," the dean said.

William Munroe, acting chairman of the human development division, went to the theatre "with ideas for solving the immediate lighting problems" but said it is not large enough for workshops.

The Shaw Festival Theatre was also considered but sets are being built for their productions during the winter by union personnel. Mr. Giancarlo said there would be difficulties if students worked with union personnel.

NO MONEY

Jacqueline Robarts, college president, said the college does not have $30,000 for a new lighting board. Electricians have estimated $5,000 or more to bring it up to safety standards but there are no guarantees it will work.

Money will not be spent until other alternatives are found, the president said.

"The theatre program has the highest enrolment ever and has sincere and hard-working teachers making it useful," she said.

The Christmas production has been moved to Centennial High School and the Welland Little Theatre has to find another place for the production in February.

All the Joys of the Season

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this cheery season
and add your own touch
of happiness and goodwill
to all those around you.

Dean I.J. Giancarlo,
School of Applied Arts.

DIRECTORIES SELL WELL

Eighty per cent of student directories have been sold. The directories which list name, address, phone number and program of each student enrolled in the college, sell for 50 cents.

New equipment for SAC office?

The Student Administrative Council (SAC) is looking into purchasing some new office equipment, Jeff Adamson, SAC president told a general meeting Nov. 28.

No definite amount of money has been decided upon yet, Jeff said, and SAC is just looking into the matter now.

The equipment may include a new filing cabinet, and another telephone line for the SAC office in ME101.

The filing cabinet being used now is full and more space is needed to keep all the files for the council.

The new telephone line will enable more than one council member to phone out and may make things run a bit more smoothly in the office.

Hort. field trip

Aspects of propagation — the ways and means of reproducing plants—was the main reason 38 senior horticulture students and various staff members visited the 28th annual meeting of the International Plant Propagators Society in Toronto two weeks ago.

Peter Mansfield, co-ordinator for the horticulture division, said the senior students attended the meeting because it "exposed them to the scope of the industry (horticulture) and they met growers from various regions of Canada and the United States."

The seniors, who attended the meeting Nov. 28, also toured a variety of greenhouses throughout the Niagara, Hamilton and Toronto areas.

Christmas berries and blooms

Florists and greenhouses everywhere are stocking up with poinsettias. This greenhouse is one of four filled with the Christmas flower at N-TEC, in Port Robinson.

(Photo by Boyd)

By MARGARET BOYD
Staff Writer

What would Christmas be without the familiar evergreen tree or holly and ivy?

Traditional plants associated with Christmas retain their importance but winter blooming plants such as poinsettias have also achieved yuletide significance.

Christmas is the only time of year evergreens and colorful plants are used to decorate hearth and home. Gathering evergreen boughs, holly, ivy and mistletoe was originally a pagan ritual to ensure the rebirth of crops and vegetation in the spring. These plants were believed to contain magical qualities because they stayed green and produced berries when the rest of nature was brown and dead.

MOST POPULAR

The poinsettia is the most popular Christmas flower. A legend associated with the poinsettia claims a Mexican boy made an offering of flowers to Jesus and when they were placed beneath the altar, they turned red.

The Rice Road Greenhouse, Welland, has about 2,000 poinsettias, 700 cyclamens, 400 Christmas trees, Christmas peppers, Christmas cactuses, gardenias and Norfolk pines, Dorothy Van Capelle, Rice Road Greenhouse gardener, said.

house gardener, said.

A poinsettia should last all year, Miss Van Capelle said, if it has 12 hours of light and darkness a day and adequate fertilization. The leaves of the poinsettia are poisonous — a warning to those with inquisitive children or pets.

ENSURES FERTILITY

Mistletoe, which gives anyone the liberty to kiss members of the opposite sex, was once used as a medicinal herb. It was considered magical to the Celtic Druids because it grows above the ground. A parasite springing from seeds which have been deposited by birds on the bark of trees, mistletoe is supposed to ensure fertility to those who are kissed beneath it.

Holly was once called holy tree. Christians linked the prickly leaves and red berries with the crown of thorns and the blood of Christ.

Most flower shops in Welland have holly and mistletoe in stock. Breath of Spring, a florist shop at the Seaway Mall, sells holly and mistletoe for $1.98 a package.

COLLEGE CLOSED

College closes for Christmas Dec. 22 and the first day of winter term classes is Monday, Jan. 2.

Care-line busier than usual St. Catharines director says

By BETH SWINIMER
Staff Writer

Sometimes we can't help but remember the Christmas Day of a past December/Some remember leaving snacks for Santa and his elves, while others think of cookies and treats upon the shelves/....It's roasting chestnuts, popping corn, going to church in the town where you were born/Many are the memories of Christmas for us all, many are the happy days which we all now recall.

—Dianne A. McGowan, from A Time for Memories.

The Christmas season, traditionally a "happy time warmed by old feelings and memories of family," can often be a lonely time for single, divorced or widowed people, Joan Baird, director of Care-line, a St. Catharines-based telephone befriending service, said.

JOAN BAIRD

These people can usually cope with the loneliness by getting "caught up in the hustle and bustle" of the festive season, Mrs. Baird said. Volunteers answering phones and providing counselling have to be wary though, because it is not a big step from being lonely to committing suicide, she said.

"Many of our callers are classified as 'lonely,' but the step from loneliness to depression to suicide isn't very big at all. Volunteers are taught not to hedge on anything a caller says, such as 'everyone would be better off without me,' because guilt feelings often accompany thoughts of suicide."

NOT PEAK PERIOD

Statistics show Christmas is not the peak period for depression suicides, rather, early spring is generally the time when suicide rates increase, Mrs. Baird said. The service does receive more calls several weeks right after Christmas than right before, she said.

"People seem to be able to cope with adversity. But, when the weather gets a little warmer in early March, depending on the length of winter everyone is feeling good, and you're still feeling the pits."

The service receives about 1,000 per month. Last year, nine per cent were suicidal calls, this year the number has risen to 16 per cent. Men used to outrank women for suicides 3½ to 1; that ratio has changed to 3½to 2½, Mrs. Baird said.

The highest suicidal risk is still the middle-aged man generally separated, divorced or widowed, out of work and usually alcoholic. Young alcoholic females rank and senior citizens, according to the World Counsel of Health statistics.

Mrs. Baird said people attempting suicide call the service because "they are ambiguous about actually committing suicide. The will to live is still stronger than the desire to die."

TRY TO HELP

Volunteers, who remain anonymous by using their first names only, try to prevent suicides by giving the people another alternative to death. By providing people with a feeling of acceptance through open communication, many suicide attempts are averted, Mrs. Baird said.

The organization makes referrals to psychiatrists, psychologists and mental health groups, and will also recommend nearby hospitals when the suicide attempt has already been started.

"People are very explicit about what they are using to commit suicide," Mrs. Baird said. They will even describe, for example, the pills they have right in front of them."

HUNGARY HIGHEST

In 1975, the suicide rate for Canada was 12.3 per cent per 100,000 people, while Hungary, referred to by some professionals as the suicide capital of the world, was 40 per cent per 100,000. Britain is the only western country in which suicide rate is declining, Mrs. Baird said.

World Counsel of Health figures for suicide rates in Canadian provinces indicate the rates increase with increased density of population. The lowest province is Newfoundland at 2.2 per cent per 100,000 and rises to 16.8 per cent in British Columbia. Ontario is in the middle with 13.5 per cent.

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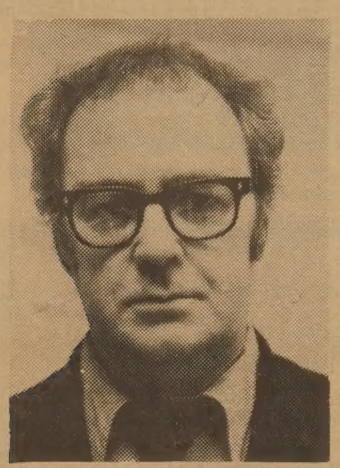
ROVING REPORTER

By MARGARET BOYD
and ROBERT BRODIE
Staff Writers

What are you planning to do over the Christmas holidays?

Mark Patterson, first year law and security, St. Catharines: I will party, eat a little turkey, drink a little beer and play with all my new toys.

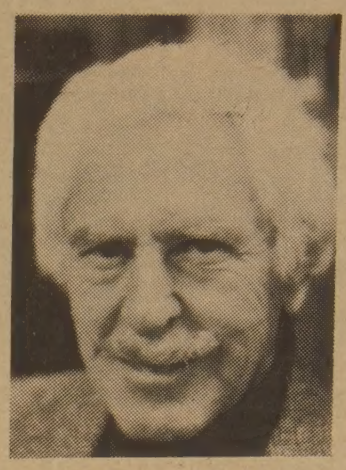


Ed Kerrigan, Niagara Frontier Caterers, St. Catharines: Hopefully, I won't be working. My wife will be off for three days, and I will spend the time with her and our two children, who are 17 and 15. My mother-in-law will be coming over, and there will be some good cheer. Hopefully, I can just relax and have a nice time.

Gloria Koziello, first year chemical engineering technology, Port Colborne: I don't have anything definite planned, but I'll probably go disco-ing often. I may visit some of my relatives in Buffalo. I'll also go shopping in malls for Christmas presents.

Cathy McLean, second year human relations, Welland: I'm going home to my parents' place in Lindsay. I plan to go skiing, skating — just outdoor sports. I'll tell you, I'm not going to do any homework.

Christine Szwed, second year law and security, Welland: I will be working at Towers, enjoying winter sports such as skiing and skating and spending as much time as I can with my family.



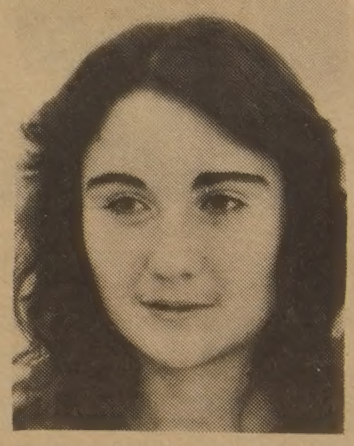
Edward Morgan, English instructor, Fenwick: I'm going to prepare myself for my next term's work. With any time left over I'll eat and drink a little more than is good for me in the true spirit of Christmas. See you on the ski slopes!

Nancy Alderton, second year early childhood education, Niagara Falls: I'm still planning my wedding, which will take most of my time. I plan to relax and may go to Burlington to visit my future brother-in-law.

Kevin Gifford, first year electronics technician, Welland: I plan to stay home, do a lot of partying and go to a teacher's party.

Jacqueline Robarts, college president, Fonthill: I have two projects over the holidays — hook a rug for the Celebrate Canada Festival and lose some weight. I'll also visit friends in Toronto.

Rino Vendetti, first year electronic technician, Welland: I'm just going to relax a lot, visit a few relatives and find out the true meaning of the Christmas spirit.



Jennifer Henry, second year law and security, St. Catharines: I'm going to Florida to visit my parents. I'll relax, catch up on things and ski before I leave for Florida.

President's reception

Jacqueline Robarts, college president, will be having a Christmas reception for Niagara staff and the few remaining students at the Welland campus Dec. 22 from 10 to 11 a.m. Christmas cake, coffee and tea will be served in the cafeteria.

RAISE AGE

The legal drinking age will be raised to 19 years as of Jan. 1, 1979. You must have turned 18 by Dec. 31, 1978, to qualify under the new provincial legislation.

Take trip to Florida for free

By PAUL WILSON
Staff Writer

Ron Coady would love to see you go to Florida for the holiday break. He might even pay your way. But you'll have to do the driving.

Mr. Coady owns the Toronto Driveaway Service, a company he started 20 years ago, and he shuffles cars all over North America. Most of his business is to Florida — for sunseekers who like their cars to follow them to their destinations.

Surprisingly enough, as of last week, Mr. Coady said he was really having difficulty getting people to drive his cars to the land of sun and fun. He was even paying the gasoline costs for the entire trip.

By the end of this week however, he expects demand to pick up "quite a bit, and I don't know if I'll still be paying for the gas."

If you've decided you owe yourself a piece of the sun, maybe the driveway plan is the way to get it.

You, or the person driving, must be at least 21 years old. You must have solid identification — student ID, and a birth certificate, and some credit or membership cards. There's a $150 deposit that is returned when you deliver the car.

Mr. Coady allows the driver four days to get down to Florida'; "Little old ladies can drive it in two, so that shouldn't be a problem."

NO WANDERING

He doesn't encourage a meandering tour of sidetrips all the way down to the sunshine state, but will allow the driver a extra couple of hundred miles.

Although some of the people who give their cars to Mr. Coady are "retired people operating on a shoe string, most of my clients are pretty well off with a house or a condiminium down there."

"And they don't usually have Volkswagens. I don't give one of the Lincolns or Caddies to a 21-year-old very often, but we've got plenty of late model Oldsmobiles and Pontiacs to go."

Toronto Driveaway advertises in the local papers. Those who prefer to shop around should study the business personals column of the Toronto Star. A recent issue had no fewer than seven driveaway listings, including one outfit that offered free return air fare or gasoline costs (about $70).

You can return when Canada starts to thaw out — Mr. Coady said he'll have all kinds of cars to come north in April.

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Drivers need preparation for winter: OPP

By TIM BYNG
Staff Writer

Winter driving is at best exasperating, at worst dangerous.Winter demands special techniques of starting, stopping, steering and seeing — as well as the need to be fully prepared before the first violent snowstorm erupts. Winter travel by car can be a serious business since cold weather puts extra demands on a vehicle.

Corporal Kenneth Ricker, 40, of the Ontario Provincial Police detachment in Welland, recommends both a prepared driver and a prepared vehicle. He said winter accidents are much more of a common occurence than are accidents during the rest of the year. During the first day of the blizzard of '77, the police department reported 15 accidents — the normal quota is 48 accidents per month.

Preparation is a major element in battling Old Man Winter, Cpl. Ricker said. A good way to get off on the right foot is to have a fall tune-up, because most people wait until the last minute and are unprepared when a major snowstorm hits. Of course, adequate fuel should always be maintained.

CHECK TIRES

Tires should be checked for thread depth and uneven wear, and should be put on before the first snowfall. Cpl. Ricker said a vehicle should have adequate tires with an "aggressive grip." The tires do not necessarily have to be snow tires, as long as they have good tread. Bald tires can't grip on ice or snow, and are just as dangerous as ordinary tires on glare ice.

Brakes should be properly adjusted and have good linings. This leads to one of the main problems of winter driving: the fact that people insist on keeping a normal pace even when weather is bad. Cpl. Ricker said people don't realize the dangers of driving on wet, wintry roads, and added it takes people a while to become adjusted to winter driving conditions.

People should leave their homes early if it's necessary to drive in bad weather, and it doesn't hurt to throw an old jacket, hat and pair of boots into the trunk for extra clothing should their cars become stranded in a blizzard. Drivers must remember to leave enough following space between vehicles in case of a rear-end collision.

CHECK HEADLIGHTS

Headlights should be checked for failure and they should be aimed properly. Batteries die in cold weather, and since the battery is the heart of the motor it should be given regular care, especially during the winter. The fluid levels should be checked often, and if you add water during freezing weather, be sure to drive several miles afterwards so the water and electrolyte will mix thoroughly and prevent freeze damage.

Windshield wipers should have good tension and there should be anti-freeze in the washers and fluid levels should be checked throughout the car. Such details as transmission fluid, antifreeze and the windshield wiper reservoir should be examined regularly.

For easier starts, a winter weight oil shoud be used, unless there already is a multi-vicosity type oil in the engine. Motor oil breaks down fast in cold weather , so it's a good idea to change the oil and filter about twice as often as in other seasons.

CHECK EXHAUST

The entire exhaust system should be checked for leaks. Carbon monoxide from a faulty exhaust could kill you. Whenever you notice a change in sound of the exhaust, or the smell of fumes inside the car, or the underside or rear is damaged, have a mechanic inspect the entire system. And, of course, never run a car in a closed garage.

For further information on winter driving, students can write to The Car Mileage Book, c/o Office Of Energy Conservation, Box 3500, Station "C", Ottawa, Ont. K1Y 4G1, or The Winter Driving Book, P.O. Box 7092, Adelaide Street Post Office, Toronto , Ont. M5C 2K7.

Both booklets are free consumer information publications.

Indian burial sites deserve respect: Pine

By RON HOLLA
Staff Writer

Indian burial grounds should not be "desecrated," but should receive the same protection as other religions under provincial law, Doug Pine, an Ojibwa Indian from Sault Ste. Marie, says.

Doug told a press conference at Niagara College Nov. 29 that under present provincial law, there is no protection for Indian burial sites. "We do not have the same right as Roman Catholics and Baptists."

Doug walked with another Indian, Alex Akiwinzie, from Windsor to Toronto to protest the "desecration" of Indian burial sites. Between the walk's beginning at the end of October and its end Dec. 1, he held many meetings to explain the burial issue.

"We believe that if you have respect for Indian people today, then you must also respect our ancestors," he said. "However nobody is willing to listen."

The occurrence which provoked the walk to Toronto was the decision by the City of Windsor to put a highway through an unmarked burial site, called the Lucier site. The decision was made despite protests by Windsor area Indians so they thought of other ways to protest, Doug said.

Alex, who also spoke at the press conference, said Indians are returning to their traditional religion and do not want their ancestors' bones to be disturbed. He accused Christian churches of not being interested in supporting the Indian people.

"Churches don't want Indians to realize they have a religion," he said.

Both Doug and Alex have lost weight from the walk, but Doug plans to continue telling Indians and non-Indians his message.

"I want the right to be buried the way I want to be buried," he said.

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Christmas is...

Dec. 25

Jewish festival begins

By MARY KOZIELLO
Staff Writer

It's Christmas day. Streets are snow-covered. Most houses are decorated with colorful lights. If the curtains are not drawn, you can see the adorned Christmas trees inside.

But you notice that a few houses down the street are left undecorated. In the window, a candelabrum has one of eight lights lighted. It is not only Dec. 25, but the first night of Hanukkah.

Hanukkah, or Chanukah, is a Jewish festival known as the Festival of Lights. It commemorates the Maccabees defeating the Syrian Greeks in 165 B.C. The victory restored Jewish independence and marked the end of three years of Jewish persecution.

Hanukkah begins on the 25th day of Kislev and lasts for eight days. The temple was desecrated on the 25th and three years later, on the same day, it was cleansed and rededicated. Judas Maccabeus and his brothers instituted the celebration with the lighting of lights and the singing of hymns.

ONE EACH DAY

Hanukkah is celebrated today by the lighting of candles, beginning with one on the first day and increasing to eight on the last day.

In addition, special hymns are sung in the synagogue with general merrymaking following.

After the destruction of the temple and the loss of Jewish independence, the nationalistic character of the festival was modified and a miracle of religious significance assumed an important place in the Hanukkah story.

According to the Talmud account, only one small cruse, or jar, of holy oil could be found where the temple was rededicated. Miraculously, this oil burned for eight days until new oil could be prepared and therefore, Hanukkah lasts eight days.

This incident is not mentioned in the oldest Hanukkah tradition, recorded in the Books of Maccabees.

With development of Jewish nationalism in the 20th century, Hanukkah is now celebrated with stress on the independence concept.

Christmas celebrated worldwide

The black Kenyans are almost in a frenzy from drumming and dancing all night. They have feasted, drunk beer, and exchanged gifts, and many of their huts have banana fronds or cypress trees decorated with flowers. They are non-Christians. They are celebrating Christmas.

Christmas has become one of the most wide-spread holidays, being observed by Christians and non-Christians alike. It is a time of merrymaking and exchanging gifts almost everywhere.

In Japan, where less than one per cent of the population professes Christianity, English "Merry Christmas" signs are scattered about. Japanese Buddhists decorated a 53-storey Tokyo building with colored lights outlining the form of the Virgin Mary, and Christmas cards usually show the Holy Family and angels with slanted eyes and black hair.

Santa Clauses are everywhere, many of them women. There are even strip-tease Santas in night clubs.

Hong Kong, where 90 per cent of the population is non-Christian Chinese, South Korea, where 14 per cent are non-believers, and Singapore are all overflowing with Christmas decorations, Santas, holiday shoppers, and partying, much the same as in North America.

In the USSR, a big fir tree is gaily decorated and placed inside the Kremlin at the ultramodern Bolshoi theatre.

Childhood memories

By MARY KOZIELLO
Staff Writer

Cookies and milk for Santa... Christmas dinner with the family...Dad bringing home a tree to decorate. A stroll down memory lane with Niagara College people produces a variety of reminiscences about Christmases spent as a child.

Edward Morgan, English instructor, has many colorful recollections about Christmas, the most important one being he was born on the 25th of December. In church his father read from the Bible to the congregation: "Unto us a Child is born, unto us a Son is given."

As a youngster, during the holidays little Teddy would play parlor games with his friends. He remembers dancing with a partner to the tune "A-hunting we will go" and getting so carried away they fell through a window.

As he was living in England where there were no evergreen trees, he said festoons were hung from the ceiling as a compensation.

His father would bring home a bushel of apples and oranges to be shared with the five members of his family and his grandparents.

Mr. Morgan remembers eating the oranges on Christmas day and throwing the peels on the fire to create crackling noises.

On Christmas eve he would hang his stocking by the fireplace and put goodies out for Santa Claus.

The following morning after breakfast, his mother would hand his father the Christmas presents and he would distribute them, a family custom Mr. Morgan now preserves.

The face of **Linday Mahaffey,** second year accounting, seemed to light up as she reminisced about her Christmas' as a child.

Linda recalled her mother baking shortbread cookies and grating bread for turkey dressing.

She remembers sitting around the tree listening to Christmas music and drinking pop from a Santa Claus mug.

Many times Linda would get up during Christmas eve hoping to open her presents but, unfortunately, she was sent back to bed.

Upon wakening on Christmas day, she rushed for her stocking filled with candies. Gleefully she would run back to her bed and consume the sweets.

Dale Masterson, library technician, celebrated most of her Christmases as a child on a farm in Rockway.

She said her whole family went out to chose the Christmas tree.

On Christmas eve she visited relatives and gifts were exchanged. Presents were opened on Christmas day, but not until her father had finished his chores.

Alice Moss, offset printer at Niagara College, spoke of first-footing, a tradition in her native Scotland.

First-footing involves knocking on someone's door and going in for a dram (shot of liquor). You must enter the house with something to eat, to drink and to burn. Symbolizing having drink, food and warmth for the new year.

Store Santa Claus 'fond of kids' on knee

By CHERYL GARD
Staff Writer

When your legs are aching from having kids sit on your knee for eight or nine hours, you have to be "damn fond" of kids, Niagara Square Santa Lloyd Repath said.

Lloyd, the father of three grown-up girls, said he was always good at playing Santa at his own house and it's always been his secret ambition to play him in public.

This is Lloyd's second year playing Santa at Niagara Square, a job he got by accident. He was at Manpower looking for a job when the women there heard him laugh and thought he'd make a good Santa.

Lloyd admits that his "naturally fat" physique and deep voice certainly help the Santa image but it was his jolly chuckle that clinched the interview and won him the job.

This year Lloyd took six weeks off his regular job as a security guard to play Santa. The money is "quite good" Lloyd said, but with long hours "and on busy days like today" he figures he earns every penny of it.

The hardest part of the job is wearing the suit, which is so hot that he wears only his underwear underneath. Lloyd has his own suit this year, made for him by one of his daughters.

Lloyd feels kids today are basically the same as they were years ago.

"There's a change in the parents, not the kids. They give them too much and don't make them earn it."

Christmas, like everything else, is commercialized, Lloyd said. As might be expected, Star Wars' toys are the favorite request this year, as well as TVs and stereos.

But Santa also gets many requests for the more traditional gifts of dolls and trucks.

Lloyd said "97 per cent" of the kids are good but some tell some strange stories, ranging from the funny to the "real tear-jerker."

One lad asked him for a gun — a real gun — to shoot daddy with. A little girl asked Santa to bring back her brother, who had been burned in a fire, for Christmas. "What do you answer in a case like that?" Lloyd said.

Lloyd makes a point of taking the time to show he's interested in each child.

"After all, it's the kids' time of year. I do myself some good as well as the youngsters."

Lloyd is careful to uphold the Santa image even after hours. He said many children of nine or 10 believe just as much as the younger ones and he doesn't want to spoil it for them. "I think I do a good job."

Holiday season bright for three children

By CHERYL GARD
Staff Writer

There'll be three extra children in the Copeland household this Christmas but that's par for the course in this family-oriented home.

Chris and Roger Copeland are foster parents. Over the past nine years they have "fostered" 25 children of various ages. For the past two years their family has included Jill, 6, Alan, 4, and Susie, 3, as well as their own two daughters, Kelly, 11, and Carrie, 9.

The children are well-dressed and healthy-looking and refer to Chris as "Mom" because "it makes them feel more a part of the family."

Chris said the children are all "good kids" and the two oldest are doing well in school. They had little trouble adjusting to their new home because they were so young when they came to the Copelands. "They're so open they'll go to almost anyone."

SOME TROUBLE

Most children have trouble adjusting to their foster home in the beginning and will often exhibit bad vocabularies and nervous habits such as bed-wetting until they feel secure in their new environment.

Some of the older children with "more of a chip on their shoulder" never adjust because they don't want to get involved in another family situation, Chris said.

Chris comes from a large family and has always loved children. She saw how the foster parent program worked in her brother's home and decided to give it a try.

William Charron, of the Niagara Regional Family and Children's Services, describes foster parents as "special people" who provide "a nurturing kind of structure" for the children until a permanent home can be found for them.

Foster parents recieve between $130 and $150 a month per child, depending on their age, for room and board, transportation and incidentals. This figure increases to $200 a month for teenagers. They receive a separate clothing allowance of $12 a month, which is increased to $27 a month for teenagers.

The majority of children return to their natural parents but where this is not possible, the children are put up for adoption. Most foster placements are short-term, lasting six months to a year, Mr. Charron said.

Chris admits it's hard to give the children up when they are adopted but "you can't adopt them all."

NO NIGHT LIFE

While she admits she "doesn't have a lot of night life," Chris doesn't feel that fostering has an adverse affect on a marriage. She feels that children neither cause nor solve marital problems and that "you don't foster if you don't have a decent marriage."

Husband and wife both have added an important role to play in fostering children, although Chris said she spends more time with the kids because she is home in the daytime.

Christmas is an added expense not covered by the allotted funds but, as Chris says, "What is Christmas if you can't do a little extra?"

Merchants' delight

Milky the Cow, robot, popular gift ideas

The age of electronics and video games is upon us and happily, for the merchants and retail stores, just in time for Christmas.

Video games the size of pocket calculators or slighly larger, that will play anything from football to a mock battle of spaceships from Battlestar Galactica, highlight this year's offerings.

One is 2XL, a robot that stands about one foot in height and plays eight-track tapes or instructional (brain-teaser) tapes. The tape is plugged into the robot's stomach area and operated by pushing one of three buttons located on the upper abdomen.

Another item sure to be popular with children this year is Milky the Cow. A smaller version of the real thing "Milky" will, with the help of some water and a special tablet, produce a milky substance somewhat reminiscent of the early powdered skim milk.

The tablet is dropped into the cow's udder and the head tilted forward into a small container of water. The tail of the cow is cranked in a circular motion and the cow consumes the water. The children can then milk the cow from its rubber udder located in the usual position.

Other articles on the market this year include lampshade covers that resemble animals ranging from dogs to sheep. Pub mirrors are offered in some stores with everything from beer labels to Elvis Presley available in design.

If tastes dictate something unique and expensive, a department store in Dallas is offering a chocolate version of the famous Monopoly game where all parts of the game, including the money, is solid chocolate.

And if a friend has always wanted to see his or her name in print, two former Xerox employees have set up a Fantasy Makers operation in which they will put anyone's name — as the star character — into a book entitled "The greatest book ever written."

And last, but not least, for the person who has everything, a pet "cow chip" can be purchased. Free of smell and hardened like clay it's available in the United States.

Xmas peppers 'hot item'

Video games and science fantasy may be this Christmas' big attraction but Christmas peppers will be its hottest item. The Rice Road Greenhouse plans to sell more than 3,000 of the plants this year. These "Little Beauties", (the proper name for the plant) are part of a sales program at the greenhouse to promote the sale of Christmas trees.

The fruit of the plant, about an inch in size, starts out as green and goes through gradual color changes of yellow and orange until ripe. In its ripened state, it is a deep red and hot enough to make your eyes water.

Each plant stands a little more than a foot in height and makes an attractive plant for the home during the Christmas season. "There are easily 30 or more peppers to a plant," Peter Van Capelle Jr., owner of the greenhouse, said.

ONLY AT CHRISTMAS

Mr. Van Capelle has sold the peppers for the last four or five years at Christmas time. There is little market for them at any other time of year, he said.

Registration begins today, Dec. 11, 1978 through Jan. 4, 1979 for winter 1979 courses in continuing education.

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NIAGARA COLLEGE

ENTERTAINMENT

Theatre / Concert

College jazz band debut slated for Centennial High

Niagara College's jazz band will hold its first concert at Centennial auditorium in Welland Dec. 20.

The course, a first at Niagara, is offered in conjunction with Mohawk College in Hamilton. Jim Howard, a Mohawk instructor, teaches the course.

Mr. Howard said a jazz band course has been needed at Niagare for a long time. In previous years, students had to drive to Hamilton to be in a band.

"The community college is the logical place for a jazz band — that's where jazz is happening."

Twenty-one men and women make up the band, playing saxophone, trombone, trumpet, piano, guitar and bass drum. The concert will include music from jazz greats such as Buddy Rich, Count Bassie, Woody Herman and Maynard Ferguson.

Gail Hilyer, chair person of the continuing education division of applied arts, said she is "really impressed with Mr. Howard's enthusiasm and initiative" and is looking forward to attending the concert.

The jazz band will participate in the Canadian Stage Band Festival in Welland March 3 competing against schools such as Mohawk and McMaster.

The course will continue next term. Auditions for the band will be held on Jan. 3 at the RTV studio in the Voyageur Building from 6:30 to 7 p.m.

The concert is free of charge and will be held on Dec. 20 at 8 p.m.

Theatre makes gift of fire

By RON HOLLA
Staff Writer

Monsters, men and gods will cavort across the stage when the Fire Thief, a story about man receiving the gift of fire, opens at Centennial High School in Welland today.

Presented by Niagara College Theatre Centre and written by D'arcy McHayle, theatre instructor, the play is an adaptation of the Greek myth of Prometheus who gave man the gift of fire. The play will be presented to school children with a public performance scheduled for Thursday, Dec. 14 at 7 p.m.

The annual children's Christmas show presented to thousands of school children at the Niagara College Theatre Centre, was forced to move to Centennial High School this year after the lighting system at the centre was closed due to unsafe conditions.

The production, which includes three-headed monsters, dragons and flying rocks, is the culmination of many weeks of work. Directing, rehearsing, designing, set and prop construction and costume creation — all were involved in the process of transforming a script into a polished production.

It was "a lot of frustration" but also a lot of fun, Eileene Arnshaw, a third year theatre student said.

Work on the production began two months ago. Tayie Abdel-Rehem, set designer, said the director, designer, lighting designer and costume designer all meet to discuss "the artistic concept of the play."

The designer's job is to put all the concepts discussed "together into lines and colors," Mr. Abdel-Rehem said. The design process was subject to many re-evaluations before the finished design was accepted.

Once the design was accepted, Mr. Abdel-Rehem said the next step was to design working drawings including a floorplan, instructions on how to build each unit of the stage and how they would fit together. Guidelines for scenic painting were also set down.

Three weeks before opening curtain, the actors were going over their parts again and again, until Mr. McHayle, the director, was satisfied with the result. He and the students traded ideas about how to improve a scene and many of the students' ideas were accepted, he said.

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PAINTING SET

Painting the set, which has to be on stage three weeks before opening night, took one week, Eileene said. The first step was to give the wood background the texture of rocks. This was done by putting rags and sawdust on top of chickenwire.

"Then you put on the prime coat of paint, the base coat and the overcoat, all that is left after that is a day of touchups."

Many students worked from 7 p.m. to 11 p.m. on set and prop construction and some stayed later.

But while the work is "a lot of frustration, running around and fixups," Eileene still enjoys it. "Many times you are wondering if it is going to come off," she said. "And it always does somehow."

Birthday celebrations

By PHYLLIS BARNATT
Staff Writer

Love, divorce and marriage, Church versus State, political expediency and palace intrigue combined in a powerful performance of A Man for All Seasons presented by Press Theatre Nov. 23-26, and Nov. 30 to Dec. 2 at the College of Education Theatre, Brock University, St. Catharines.

Celebrating the 500th anniversary of Sir Thomas More's birth, the time-honored play by Robert Bolt was a co-production with Theatre Aquarius, Hamilton's professional regional theatre. Peter Mandia, artistic director for Theatre Aquarius, directed.

Neil Vipond, starring as Sir Thomas More, ranged a gamut of emotions from elation to abject depression. His personification was tremendously effective as shown by the standing ovation he received at curtain call.

The historical basis of the play issues from Henry VIII's wish to marry Anne Boleyn and divorce Catharine of Aragon, his wife of 20 years who failed to produce a living male heir. Thomas More, torn between political loyalty to the crown and spiritual loyalty to the church, a devout Roman Catholic, could not condone Henry's decision in good conscience and consequently sealed his fate at the hands of Thomas Cromwell.

Diamond lights up Buffalo concert

By EDDI VENTRESCA
Staff Writer

Glowing cigarette lighters, resembling stars, and beautiful noise filled Buffalo Memorial Auditorium Dec. 5 as Neil Diamond performed before more than 16,000 people.

Dressed in black pants and a silver sequined shirt, he shone like a diamond on stage while singing old and new material.

Opening with two choruses of Desire, he won immediately the audience's attention which he never lost for more than two hours. It didn't take him long to get the crowd on its feet when he sang I'm Glad You're Here With Me Tonight for his second song.

Diamond went back to the 1960s with Sweet Caroline, Cherry, Shilo, and Holly Holy with the audience singing along.

Even though the auditorium was filled to capacity, he created an intimate feeling when he talked to the crowd between numbers. He said he was amazed at how high people were sitting in the upper balcony.

He aroused the crowd by saying Barbara Streisand would be out to join him in their new song, You Don't Bring Me Flowers, but quickly said she was in Los Angeles. His vocalist, Linda Press, accompanied him instead.

He left the stage briefly after singing for an hour-and-a-half, leaving the people shouting "Neil, Neil, Neil." He returned for an encore in a white shirt and sang Skybird, Dreamer, and Be from his Jonathan Livingston Seagull album.

For his second encore and finale, he sang Brother Love's Travelling Salvation Show.

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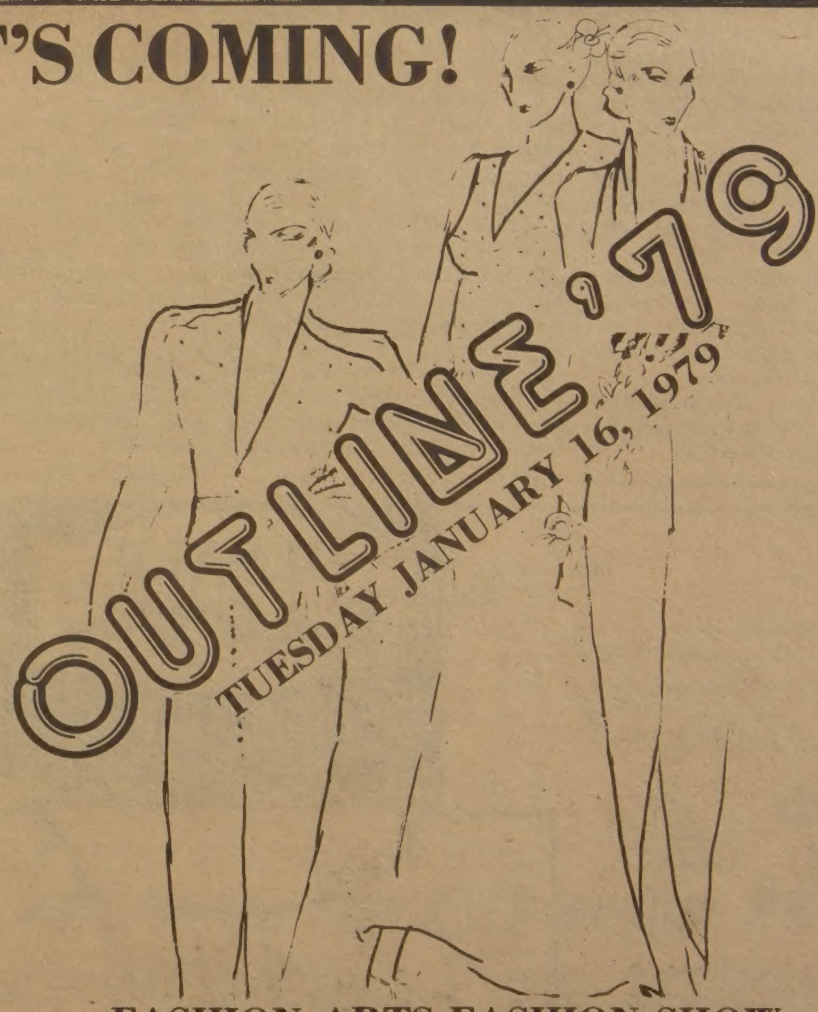

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SPORTS

Can't hold early lead, Niagara loses by two

Canisius College scored two power play goals late in the second period, capping a six-goal outburst that carried the Golden Griffins to a 7-5 Finger Lakes Collegiate Hockey League victory over the Niagara Knights Nov. 25 in Welland.

The victory, combined with their 5-3 win over Erie Community College the night before gave Canisius sole possession of first place in the Finger Lakes league, with Niagara and Erie tied for second. The Knights meet Erie in their next league game.

Larry Christiano and Angelo Cassaci, who added two assists, led Canisius with a pair of goals apiece. The other goals were scored by Chuck Roessler, who hadf three assists, Mike Denz and Bruno Caci.

Niagara's attack was led by Randy Kerr, who scored twice. Other Knights' goals were scored by Andy Cieri, Mark Patterson and Steve Bustard.

Canisius trailed Niagara 3-0 entering the second period, but scored six times to take a 6-4 lead by the intermission. The last two goals, scored at 17:04 and 19:57, came on power plays and gave the Griffs a lead they never relinquished.

Niagara had tied the game 4-4 on Patterson's low shot at 10:05 of the period. However, after Rob Gibson took a slashing penalty, Canisius took the lead when Christiano scored off a scramble in front of Knight goaltender Mike Mulder, who was brilliant all night.

Canisius made it 6-4 when an unguarded Christiano knocked home a pass from behind the net with three seconds left in the period.

TRIES TO TIE

Niagara applied tremendous pressure in the final 20 minutes in an effort to tie the score, and closed the gap to 6-5 on a goal by Bustard which deflected off his hand into the net.

However, Canisius applied the clincher with 1:58 remaining when Cassaci scored his second goal after Christiano had hit the post.

Niagara opened the game with a rush, scoring after only 56 seconds. Kerr got the goal by slipping the puck between Griff goaltender Eddie Gonzalez's pad and the post.

The Knights scored twice late in the period to take their 3-0 lead. Cieri tallied on a backhand at 14:47 after receiving a pass from Patterson.

Paul Berstling hustled into the corner about four minutes later and fed Kerr, who converted the pass, into his second goal of the night.

Mulder was brilliant in the nets throughout the game for Niagara, with most of the goals he allowed coming as a result of goalmouth scrambles in front of him.

At one point in the third period, Mulder showed his exhaustion by lying flat on his back on the ice during a long stoppage in play.

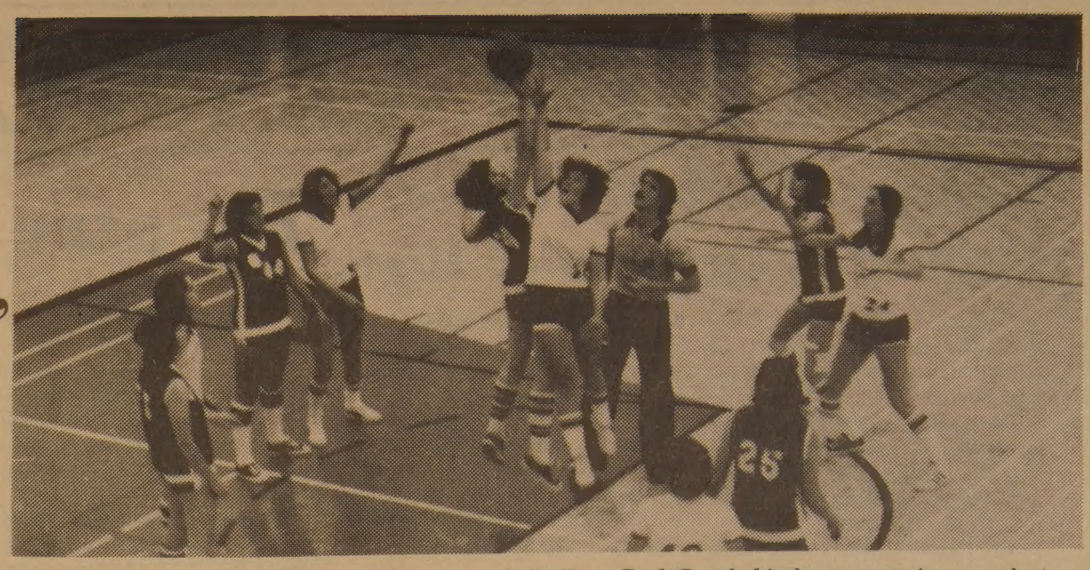
TIME OUT

On page 14 of the last issue of the Niagara News, it was incorrectly reported that the Niagara Knights women's basketball team was defeated 41-38 by the Fanshawe Falcons.

The ladies did, indeed, win that game by a 41-38 score. The Niagara News regrets the error. We wish the ladies continued success.

In another story on the same page, the News said Chris McHonan was the high scorer for the Knights in their loss to the George Brown Huskies.

Chris' name is **McMahon**. The News apologizes to Chris and the entire team for the errors.



Niagara and Sheridan players await a jump ball during the Knights' 64-42 win over the Bruins. Here, Barb Cort [white] gets set to jump against an unidentified Sheridan player. (Photo by Smith)

Ladies win 64-42

Defence leads to victory

By DOUG SMITH
Staff Writer

Backed by balanced scoring and overwhelming defence, the Niagara Knights ladies' basketball team rolled to a convincing 64-42 victory at home over the Sheridan Bruins Nov. 28.

Each member of the Knights squad hit the score sheet with veteran forward Julie Cecco leading the way with 17 points and the ever-hustling Barb Cort adding 14.

Coach Russ Stevenson said the Knights put forward a "good team effort" in garnering their third win of the season. "They have improved immensely since the beginning of the season."

The Knights' swarming zone defence allowed Sheridan hardly any inside penetration and the ladies effectively controlled the rebounds against the taller Bruins.

Cort was the most effective Knight at the defensive end of the floor. Her defence on the inside of the zone stopped Sheridan from getting easy lay-ups, took the visitors out of their game plan and made them take low percentage shots.

Apart from her defensive ability, Cort came throught with clutch baskets on her way to a 14-point total. Whenever the Bruins threatened to make the game close, Cort came up with key baskets to give Niagara a solid lead.

Cecco chalked up her 17 points in a variety of ways, taking smooth outside jump shots or controlling offensive rebounds and making easy lay-ups.

She hurt both ankles after taking a jump shot and left the game in considerable pain but until that time she had done yeoman's work for the Knights offensively. Her status for the next game against the powerful St. Clair Saints was not known.

TOO MANY FOULS

The game had an overabundance of fouls, particularly in the first half. No less than 29 fouls were committed in the opening 20 minutes, with the Bruins picking up 15 and the Knights 14.

The Knights took 17 free throws in the half, making 10 while the Bruins made three of 15.

Nancy Petro was a steadying influence on the team, running the offence and slowing the game down to better suit the team.

The teams traded baskets in the early going, but the Knights ran off a string of 10 points near the end of the half to take a commanding 35-19 lead at the intermission.

The majority of Niagara's baskets came on inside lay-ups and their ability to get inside the Sheridan zone led to many points.

OFF TO QUICK START

Niagara got off to a quick start in the second half, outscoring Sheridan 6-2 in the first minute, but the Bruins rallied to cut the lead to nine points at the 10-minute mark.

A technical foul on the Sheridan bench and two quick hoops by Petro restored the 16-point lead. From there the Knights coasted to victory.

Apart from Cort, who fouled out with just less than nine minutes left, and Cecco, no other Knight hit for double figures although they all scored.

Erica Buller with eight and Anne Rossi with six were the next highest Knights, followed by Petro and Cathy Sczelecki with four each. Solange Carreau with three and Chris McMahon, Valerie Nieuwesteeg and Candace Starshuk with a pair each rounded out the Knights scoring.

Marilyn Pope and Terry Adams had nine points each to pace the Bruin attack and Brenda Dreher added seven to the losing cause.

BARB CORT

Knights lose to Sheridan

Sheridan Bruins broke open a tight game in the second half and went on to beat the Niagara Knights 62-50 in an OCAA basketball game in Oakville Dec. 4.

Sheridan only led 30-29 at halftime but the Bruins, led by Andre Graovac and Mark Reis, pulled away after the intermission. Both Sheridan player scored 10 points on the second half, and led the team with 16 points for the game.

Niagara's Ted Kicinski led all scorers with 25 points. Bruno Couloigner and Mike Czerlau added eight points for Sheridan.

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First home defeat, Knights lose 90-46

The St. Clair College Saints from Windsor put on an awesome display of offensive basketball as they blew away the Niagara Knights men's team 90-46 at Niagara Dec. 2.

The Saints were equally adept in all offensive facets of the game, driving for easy lay-ups, controlling rebounds for tip-ins, and, when they couldn't go inside, making 25-foot jump shots with uncanny accuracy, handing the Knights their first home loss of the season.

If there was a bright spot for the Knights on a day when nothing would go right, it was the hustling play of court general Tim Chambers.

Although he scored just seven points, Chambers showed signs of getting over an injury that left him with 35 stitches in his mouth and minus a few teeth. His hustling driving play was one optimistic sign for the Knights for the remainder of the season.

As for the game itself, nothing good can be said for the Knights' performance. They tried to get into a run-and-gun shootout with the powerful Saints but could not hold a candle to the visitors offensively.

The Saints, showing no signs of a let-down after a 20-point loss the previous evening at Mohawk College in Hamilton, jumped on the Knights right from the opening tip and never let the homesters get up.

NOT OUR DAY

The Saints' starting five, led by Bruce Grand and Kevin Boutette, outscored the entire Knights team 58-46 — just an indication of the kind of day it was for Niagara.

Every member of the St. Clair team scored and the second string played most of the second half, widening the lead over the Knights.

Aside from Chambers, the ever-steady Ted Kicinski and exciting Bruno Couloigner played well for the Knights. Kicinski was the game's leading scorer, with 17 points, and Couloigner chipped in with eight before fouling out with just more than 12 minutes left in the match.

The fact that Couloigner fouled out was a surprise because of the spotty refereeing throughout the match.

Rough play — swinging elbows and body checking — was more than prevalent during the game, and the officials let a lot of rough stuff go.

The game was in effect over in the first seven minutes, as the Saints started off strongly and got better as the game progressed. They opened up their long range attack to jump to a quick 27-5 lead and coasted home from there.

Boutette and D'arch Colbreath, two of St. Clair's second year players, showed the ability to control the game and make Niagara play to suit the Saints' fast break style.

The Knights were confused by the Saints' zone press and St. Clair capitalized on every Niagara mistake to make easy lay-ups.

When the Knights did break the press, they had little luck putting the ball in the St. Clair hoop, missing inside shots and not getting a second chance against the taller Saints.

The Saints lead was 52-27 at halftime and the game was all but over.

Grand with 16 points, and Boutette with 14, were the leading scorers for the Saints. Mark Damore added 13, Jim Wilson 12, Len Souliere 10, and Colbreath and Ken Pratt with eight each rounded out the top point-getters for the Saints.

Game high scorer Kicinski with 17 points and Couloigner with eight were tops for the Knights. Chambers had seven, Mike Czerlau, Brian John and Harold Ross four each and Dave Patterson added two to the Niagara cause.

The loss was the Knights' fifth in the last six games and dropped their Ontario Colleges Athletic Association record to 3-6.

SPORTS

Knights lose two on road trip

By ROBERT BRODIE
Staff Writer

A northern road trip was a rocky one for Niagara's men's basketball team, as the Knights lost two Ontario Collegiate Athletic Association cage battles Nov. 24-25.

Niagara was beaten 66-52 by Cambrian College and lost to the Northern Huskies by 59-49 the following day. In both games, the Knights fell behind by large margins at halftime and were never able to catch up.

Niagara's road trip began in Sudbury against Cambrian, who proved to be very inhospitable as they took a 39-26 halftime lead. The Knights were unable to gain any ground in the final 20 minutes.

Cambrian was led by Brian Yanchuk, who scored 18 points, and John Cristo and Simo Sormaz, who added 16 and 13 respectively. Niagara was led once again by centre Ted Kicinski, who poured in 15 points.

The Knights were victims again in Kirkland Lake, dropping a decision to Northern College. The Huskies opened up a 34-20 halftime lead, forcing Niagara to play catch-up once more. However, the Knights could only cut the margin to 10 by the final buzzer.

The Huskies were led by Peter Gignac, who pumped in 16 points, all on field goals. Northern had three other players in double figures — Mitch Paquet, who scored 13; Al Scragg, who had 12 points, and Pat Moseley-Williams, who added 10.

Niagara's attack was led by Bruno Couloigner, who also scored 16 points on eight field goals. Kicinski hit double figures again, netting 12 points.

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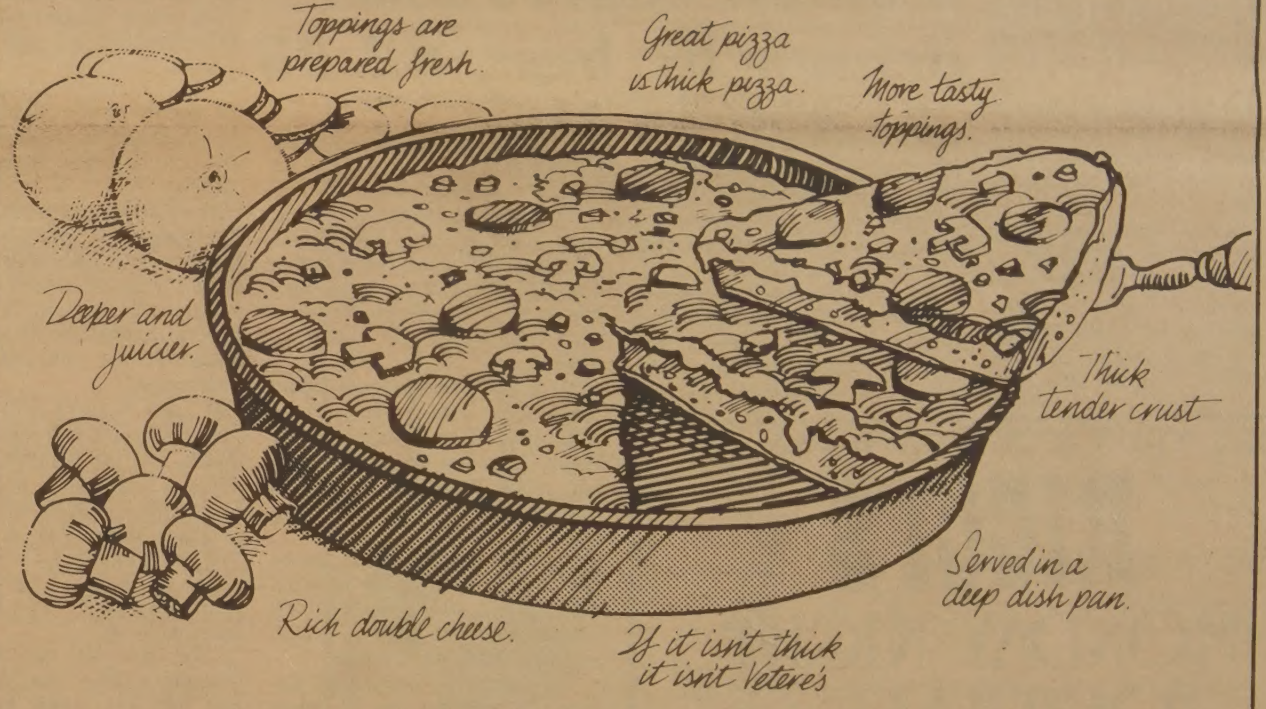
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SPORTS

Knights overcome deficit, Erie ties on last period goal

Niagara Knights scored three times in the second period to overcome a 2-0 deficit, but had to settle for a 3-3 tie with Erie Community College in a fiercely contested collegiate hockey game at the Welland Arena Dec. 2.

The Knights lost their 3-2 lead in the third period, when the Kats tied the score just 47 seconds into the final frame.

Steve Bustard, Brett Belaire and Mark Patterson scored for Niagara, while Mark Rossow, Paul Wozdinski and Gordie Steinagle replied for Erie.

Erie applied pressure right from the opening whistle and it paid off as Rossow fired a low wrist shot past Niagara goaltender Jim Pearce at 2:28. Niagara blueliner Mike Wolochatiuk fell down on the play, leaving Pearce at the mercy of the Erie player.

The Kats checked Niagara relentlessly throughout the period, keeping them off balance.

Erie kept the play in Niagara's end for most of the period and Pearce had to be sharp to keep the score 1-0 at the end of the period.

Wodzinski's goal early in the second period gave Erie a 2-0 lead and it appeared the tight-checking Kats had enough to win.

However, Niagara came to life when Steve Bustard tipped in Gerry Sebastiany's shot from the point about 1½ minutes later.

Niagara scored again at 7:25 when Belaire knocked in Mike Chartrand's rebound after the latter had stolen the puck. Chartrand had hit the goalpost minutes earlier.

The Knights took the lead about two minutes later on a power-play goal when Mark Patterson jammed the rebound of Andy MacKenzie's shot past Erie goaltender Mark Gates.

Niagara had an opportunity to extend its lead when the Kats picked up two penalties late in the period, but failed to do so.

Patterson grazed the goalpost on a low slap shot and Belaire fired one over the net after a pass from Larry Carter.

Erie came out smoking to start the third period and tied the score when Steinagle leaped out of the penalty box, raced into the play and fired a slapshot past Pearce.

The remainder of the game was frenetic in its pace, with each team garnering numerous scoring opportunities. Pearce was especially brilliant during this time, turning aside 15 Erie shots.

Emotions ran high during the period, and each pileup in front of the net resulted in some pushing and shoving. The Knights did some fierce hitting, with MacKenzie, Wolochatiuk, Andy Cieri and Bob Young dealing out bone-crushing checks on the Kats.

Niagara's best scoring opportunity came with about five minutes left when Randy Kerr's high shot hit the crossbar and dropped on the goal-line before being smothered by Gates.

Each team picked up nine minor penalties in the game. Kerr and Paul Berstling did excellent work killing penalties during the game for Niagara, as did Patterson, Young and Cieri.

Erie outshot Niagara 39-31.

Jackie opens curling season

Three-point play key in Knights' comeback

By ROBERT BRODIE
Staff Writer

Ted Kicinski scored a three-point play with five seconds left to give the Niagara Knights a tense 67-64 victory over the Humber Hawks in an amazing Ontario Colleges Athletic Association (OCAA) basketball game.

Kicinski's bucket capped an incredible Niagara rally from a 22-point first half deficit. The 6'5" Port Colborne native scored the winner on a twisting layup, then rammed home a free throw after being fouled to salt away the win.

The Knights fell behind 18-0 at the outset of the game, and Humber eventually built the lead to 26-4 with about 9½ minutes remaining in the half. The Hawks hit nine of their first 10 shots and scored on the rebound of one they missed.

It took Niagara 5:13 to get their first point on a Kicinski free throw, but the Knights did not score a field goal until Mike Czerlau hit one 24 seconds later.

"There is a phrase in basketball that described our situation — the lid is on," Knights coach Don Lesco said. "The ball just wouldn't go in."

"We also let our offensive problems affect our defensive play and gave them easy baskets. If we had played tough defence, we might have only been seven or 11 points behind."

Niagara began chipping away at the huge Humber lead, and got the margin down to eight by halftime. Tim Chambers made it 42-34 at the intermission by scoring on a layup after a steal.

Chambers, who scored 16 points, had missed the last two games after losing five teeth in the Mohawk game.

"He was fantastic," Lesco said. "His mouth was still painfully sore and he was not really able to open it. We weren't planning on using him that much, but he was our spark, both offensively and inspirationally."

Niagara scored six points to open the second half, making the score 42-40. Wilf Muller scored on a tip-in and Kicinski and Czerlau hit jumpers during the surge.

Niagara made its big move after Humber had taken a 48-44 lead on a long jumper by Carlo Carcasole. The Knights reeled off 11 points in a row to take a 55-48 lead before Humber was forced to call a time out.

MULLER STARTS RALLY

Muller started the rally by scoring on a rebound. Kicinski then took over, scoring the next seven points before Chambers finished off the streak with a long jumper from the top of the key.

Niagara built its lead to 59-50 before Humber made a comeback of its own. The Hawks pecked away at the Knight lead, mostly by taking advantage of numerous free throw opportunities.

"Humber kept chipping away and made a mini-comeback of their own," Lesco said. "That's typical for this situation.

"When you make a comeback, it takes almost everything out of you. The ideal situation is for the game to be over just as you go ahead."

Humber scored six points in two minutes to tie the score at 64-64 with 55 seconds left, setting up Kicinski's final heroics. The Hawks tied it on a free throw by Linas Kaknecivius, but he missed a succeeding charity toss that would have given Humber the lead.

Kicinski, who played the last five minutes burdened with four fouls, powered the Niagara attack with a season-high 33 points. Czerlau, who fouled out, and Brian John each had eight points for the Knights.

Humber was led by Steve Arslauskas, who scored 18 points, and Kaknecivius, who netted 14. Carcasole and Richard Duliunas, who also fouled out, pumped in 12 points each for the Hawks.

Niagara's win snapped a four-game losing streak and gave them a 3-5 record in the OCAA Western Division. Their overall record, including tournaments, now stand at 5-6.

Women cagers lose, beaten by best, 62-28

The St. Clair College Saints, considered by many to be the cream of the crop in the Ontario Colleges Athletic ladies basketball league, showed at Niagara Dec. 2 just how they earned that distinction.

The Saints employed one of the best fast-break offences seen in a long time as they rolled to a lopsided 62-28 thumping of the Niagara Knights ladies basketball team.

The Knights were never really in the game, except for a 2-0 lead in the opening seconds.

Four of the five starters for St. Clair were All-City high school all-stars in Windsor before going to college and they showed they are head and shoulders better than Niagara in raw basketball ability.

Their fast break offence would make some men's teams cringe with envy. The breaks usually result in lay-ups or high percentage jump shots and transition from defence to offence is a thing of beauty.

The Knights were no doubt hurt by the loss of star forward Julie Cecco, who sprained both ankles in a win over Sheridan and missed the day's action.

The Saints so dominated the game that all but one St. Clair player hit the score sheet while only four Knights scored.

Karry Binch, whose outside shooting was unbelievable, Denise Pinsonneault, who scored the bulk of her points on fast-break lay-ups, and Marietta Whittail, who came off the bench to add some potent offence, led the Saints with 12 points each.

Erica Buller, with 10 points, Barb Cort with nine, Cathy Sczelecki with eight, and Nancy Petro with one, were the only Knights to hit the score sheet.

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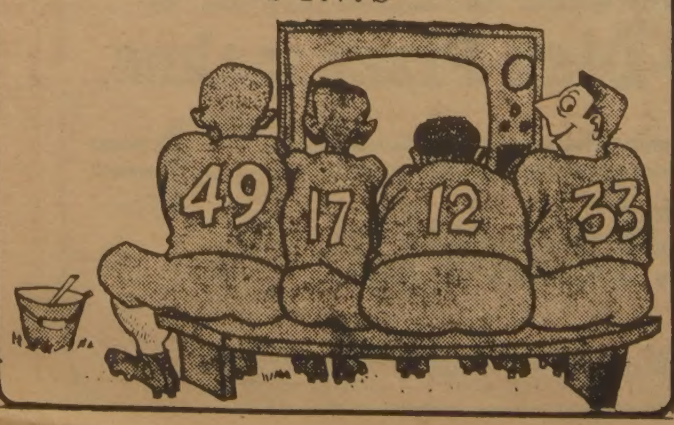

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SPORTS

It's that time

Bowl fever strikes again

By ROBERT BRODIE
Staff Writer

It strikes about the middle of December, lasts about two weeks, causes husbands to stay glued to their television sets and drives wives crazy. Call it what you want — bowl fever, bowlmania — but it is upon us again.

On Dec. 16, the first of numerous bowl games across the United States will be played. This year, the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) has sanctioned two new bowls, bringing the total to 16. Another is to be added next year (the Pineapple Bowl in Honolulu).

What follows is an effort to sort out the who's, what's and where's of the bowl situation, with the thought in mind that the NCAA has yet to approve the Toilet Bowl in Flushing, N.Y. (at least not yet).

Liberty Bowl
at Memphis Dec. 23, 3.30 p.m.

Missouri (7-4) vs. LSU (8-3): Both teams have powerful offences and scrappy defences. Missouri has a versatile quarterback in Phil Bradley, a powerful fullback, James Wilder, and an outstanding tight end in Kellen Winslow. LSU is led by tailback Charles Alexander, who rambled for more than 1,000 yards, and receivers Carlos Carson and Mike Quintela. Steve Ensminger and David Woodley split the signal calling duties for LSU.

Cotton Bowl
at Dallas Jan. 1, 2 p.m.

Notre Dame (8-3) vs. Houston (9-2): Each team is paced by an outstanding quarterback. Irish QB Joe Montana is the better passer, while Cougar QB Danny Davis is the superior runner. Outstanding ball carriers will also be featured — Vagas Ferguson and Jerome Heavens of Notre Dame, and Randy Lowe and Emmett King of Houston. Linebacker David Hodge, giant Hosea Taylor and safety Elvis Bradley key the Cougar defence, while linebacker Bob Golic and defensive backs Jim Browner and Joe Restic, who also punts, pace the Irish defence.

Sugar Bowl
at New Orleans Jan 1, 2 p.m.

Penn State (11-0) vs. Alabama (10-1): The top two teams in the nation, barring a tie, will decide the mythical national championship in this game. Penn State has an awesome defence, led by tackles Matt (Salt) Millen and Bruce (Pepper) Clark. Tackle Larry Kubin and defensive back Pete Harris, Franco's brother, led the nation in interceptions. Penn State's attack is directed by Chuck Fusina, a great passer. The Lions also have solid ground gainers in Matt Suhey, Mike Guman and Booker Moore. Matt Bahr gives Penn State a solid edge in the kicking game. Alabama's defence is led by its linebackers — Rich Wingo, Barry Krauss and Rickey Gilliland. Defensive end Wayne Hamilton and defensive back Murray Legg also stand out. The Crimson Tide offence is directed by QB Jeff Rutledge, who broke Joe Namath's school record for TD passes. Steadman Shealy is an effective and often used substitute. The wishbone rushing attack is led by halfback Tony Nathan, a dangerous punt returner and sophomores Major Ogilvie and Billy Jackson.

Rose Bowl
at Pasadena Jan. 1, 5 p.m.

Michigan (10-1) vs. USC (11-1): Solid defences should make this game a low-scoring one. Keying Michigan's defence are end Curtis Greer, linebacker Jerry Meter and wolfman Mike Jolly. USC's defence is led by tackle Ty Sperling, linebacker Dennis Johnson and cornerback Herb Ward. Michigan QB Rick Leach has accounted for 81 TD's in his career, the most in NCAA history. Fullback Russell Davis is the premier running back, since tailbacks Harlan Huckleby and Roosevelt Smith are hobbled. A freshman, Harold (Butch) Woolfolk, may start. USC's attack is led by junior tailback Charles White, the nation's second leading rusher (1,760 yards), and steady QB Paul McDonald.

Orange Bowl
at Miami Jan. 1, 8 p.m.

Oklahoma (10-1) vs. Nebraska (9-2): This is a rematch of a game won by Nebraska 17-14 on Nov. 11. Both teams have explosive offences. The Sooners feature Billy Sims, the Heisman Trophy winner, who rushed for 1,762 yards and scored 20 touchdowns. It doesn't end there, however, as Oklahoma also boasts the nation's best lineman, Greg Roberts, the Outland Trophy winner. Thomas Lott is a powerful wishbone QB, and Kenny King is a fleet fullback. Nebraska's balanced attack is led by slashing I-back Rick Berns and his alternate I. M. Hipp. Tom Sorley is the Husker quarterback. Defensive stickouts include middle guard Reggie Kinlaw, linebackers Daryl Hunt and George Cumby of Oklahoma.

Sports coverage 'outstanding'

Dear Editor:

I wish to congratulate the Niagara News Sports Department and in particular, Robert Brodie, for outstanding work done in covering intercollegiate athletics during the first term.

The coverage has been great and has certainly had a positive effect on all our teams to date.

Many thanks and please keep up the excellent work.

Yours very truly,
Peter L. Rylander,
Co-ordinator of Athletics

Late goal brings win

Mike Chartrand scored a goal with 25 seconds to play to give the Niagara Knights a come-from-behind 8-7 victory over the Buffalo State Bengals in a hockey game played at the Holiday Twin Rinks in the Queen City Dec. 3.

The Bengals trailed the Knights 6-3 entering the final period, but scored four straight times to take the lead. Chartrand and Andy Cieri led Niagara with a pair of goals each. Paul Berstling and Mark Patterson had a goal and two assists, while Keith Bull and Larry Mills added singles. Brett Belaire set up three of the markers.

Dan Szeliga led Buffalo State with two goals and three assists. Jeff Haynes and Brian Sheppard also scored twice, while Frank Boccio picked up the other Bengal goal.

TRADE GOALS

The two teams traded goals throughout the first period, with Niagara finally taking a 3-2 lead to the dressing room. Patterson gave the Knights the edge with his goal at 16:43.

Niagara extended their lead to 6-3 by the end of the second period, but needed Chartrand's final two goals to pull out the victory after the Bengal comeback.

Niagara played the game without four players who missed the game — Randy Kerr, Mike Wolochtiuk, Don Frenette and Don Gibson.

The Knights finished the game with only three defensemen when Andy McKenzie picked up a minor and a misconduct at 9:24 of the third period.

Niagara picked up seven other minors in the game for a total of 26 penalty minutes. Buffalo State had 10 minutes in penalties. The Bengals outshot the Knights 44-35 in the game.

The victory gave Niagara a 3-1-1 record in the Finger Lakes Collegiate Hockey League, tying them for second place with Erie Community College. Canisius leads the league with a 6-0-1 record.

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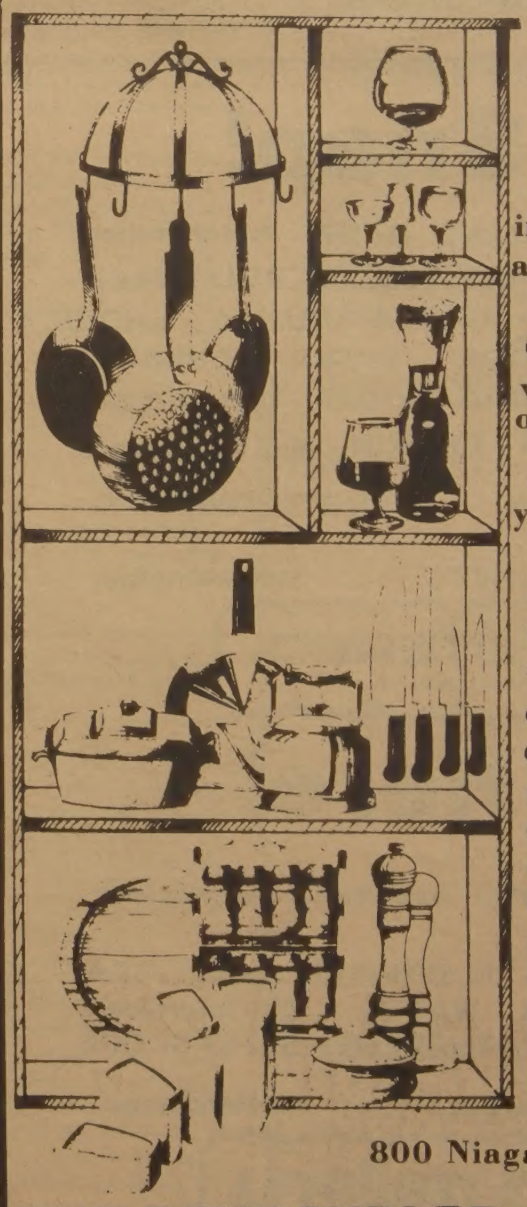

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Orderly program one of a kind

The next time you visit a hospital, take a good look at the orderly in the crisp, white suit — he may have a Master's degree in social work and be a graduate of the hospital orderly training program of Niagara's school of retraining.

Wilhelmina Ostrander, program instructor, says she has had students from all backgrounds and places. The man with the Master's was from the Philippines; another, from England, had a Bachelor's in agriculture. They joined because they wanted "variety" in jobs but couldn't afford returning to school, she said.

The 20-week program, as well as a separate health care aide program, are based in the old nurses' residence at the Greater Niagara General Hospital in Niagara Falls. Almost 200 men have graduated since the course, the only one of its kind in the province, was started in 1968.

"There is no question it is the best orderly training program in Ontario, and for all I know, the best in Canada," Andy Newbery, academic division chairman, retraining, said. "We created something that was not done successfully before."

The men spend the first 16 weeks at the hospital for training, six hours per day, Monday through Friday. The mornings are spent working on the floors of the hospital and learning clinical procedures, and the afternoons in classroom studies. Students must understand the entire human body and its interlocking systems, and they also take a standard first aid course.

Students must be 18 and have a Grade 10 education, but there have been some up to the age of 60.

The men are given a training allowance according to marital status under Manpower. Single persons get $60 a week if they live away from home and $10 if at home while those married and with children get$80 to $125.

TOO FEW ORDERLIES

Mr. Newbery said the course was started because employers complained there were too few trained orderlies.

He said the "double standard in the care of male and female patients" was proved by the fact that with female patients, only a registered nurse can insert a catheter, while with males, "any Charlie off the street, working as an untrained orderly," can do the procedure.

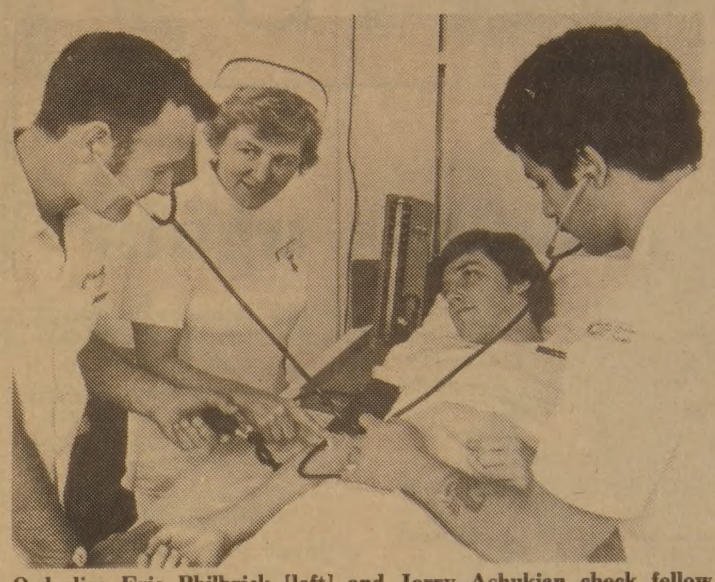
There are no female orderlies because, although all patients can choose male or female nursing assistance, "most men prefer to have another man attend them for genital care," Mrs. Ostrander explained.

Orderlies and Registered Nursing Assistants both earn $12,000 a year, but RNAs require four more months training and are a licensed body.

"What I would really like to see happen is for our course to become nine to 10 months long, so orderlies could be recognized and have a governing body," Mrs. Ostrander said.

The men will go on field placement in January for three weeks, when they will be evaluated by the hospital employing them. Mr. Newbery said the placements "will consolidate everything they've learned without having the teacher there to hold their hand;" 90 per cent get jobs from their field placement.

"All are placed," Mrs. Ostrander said.



Orderlies Eric Philbrick [left] and Jerry Ashukian check fellow student Chris Morgan's blood pressure, as Wilhelmina Ostrander, program instructor, looks on.

Mr. Newbery said he thinks the College of Nurses would like to replace the role of the orderly with RNAs, but "our high placement shows orderlies are needed."

'JUST A START'

He said the program is "just a start" for many who go on to additional training; two men entering medical school. Graduates have found work "in virtually every province in Canada, the Northwest Territores, Australia, and the United States."

Mrs. Ostrander, who has a Master of Science degree in education, is assisted in the program by Phil Farnan. On the advisory committee for both the orderly and health care aide courses are the director of nursing of all but one hospital in the Niagara region, a urologist, an orthopedist, and a general practioner.

Mrs. Ostrander said she wants, above all, "to prepare these people to give safe, efficient care, developing a sense of responsibility, stressing the proper attitudes and cleanliness throughout."

So, the next time you are admitted to the hospital, relax — you're in good hands.

Fire: cause for alarm

People should react automatically to fire alarms because if they don't "that's the way they get burned, literally and figuratively," Graham McKinnon, director of college services, says.

The practice of people failing to leave a building when a fire alarm goes off was discussed by the college management committee at a meeting last week and the committee decided to make staff and students "publicly aware" of the problem, Mr. McKinnon said.

"It is simply a very dangerous practice and people are running a silly and unnecessary risk" by not leaving the building immediately, Mr. McKinnon said.

People should "respond automatically" in such a situation or the fire alarm cannot serve its purpose.

It is a bad habit not to pay attention to fire alarms even though most are false alarms and automatic response should be an "obligatory response," Mr. McKinnon said.

Mr. McKinnon said that during the fire alarm of four weeks ago, many people had to be coaxed to leave the buildings and there was a general "reluctance of people to vacate the buildings."

Choose executive

Propose changes for 1979 yearbook

More participation by satellite campuses, more pages, and a survey to determine the number of non-graduating students interested in buying a yearbook are a few of the proposed changes for Niagara's 1979 yearbook.

An idea to allow the satellite campuses to arrange their own pages was presented at the first meeting of the yearbook committee Nov. 14 in room L2.

Chosen for the executive were Ron Holla, second year journalism, editor; Wendy Beaver, first year tourism, co-editor; Wendy Berg, third year business administration, layout editor; Mike Gallop, ambulance and emergency care, sports editor; Cindy Williams, legal assistant, special events editor-in-charge of formals; Margaret Boyd, second year journalism, satellite contact person, and Michel Sizaire, second year marketing management, photography co-ordinator. year marketing management, photography co-ordinator.

The increase in pages would give greater coverage to student events, Wendy told the yearbook committee, while a green cover represents a departure from the traditional Niagara yearbook colors of blue and white.

The Student Administrative Council (SAC) and the Audio-Visual Department have agreed to have the AV department print contact sheets for the yearbook with the possibility they would print pictures as well, SAC president Jeff Adamson said. Discussions regarding this are still going on, he said.

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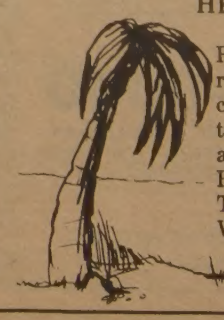

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Amy Vanderbilt says

Leave Aunt Fanny's bladder out of dinner conversations

By JUDY SUGA
Staff Writer

If you lie awake nights worrying if you reacted to certain situations like an uncultured boor, Amy Vanderbilt's Etiquette is the book for you.

Situation number one: A gentleman sees a woman trying to put on or take off her boots. He should: a) ignore her b) bring her a drink c) help her

Situation number two: Two women are socializing at the dinner table. They should not discuss: a) good-looking men b) Aunt Fanny's bladder operation c) the chocolate mousse

The 900-page etiquette encyclopedia, revised in 1972, outlines how one should act becomingly in these and other instances, covering topics including dress and manners, ceremonies, correspondence, travel, and official etiquette. For example, one should always be armed with the invaluable information of how to conduct oneself at an audience with the Pope.

Individuals remaining quietly at home are not exempt from proper conduct. A good husband "does his best to be agreeable on rising" and if he wants to dine with his family "coatless or tieless, unless others are dressed the same way he should ask his wife's permission."

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The agreeable wife "is obliged to make herself an attractive roomate, not a banshee" by avoiding wearing curlers, facial creams, or "utilitarian" pyjamas to bed.

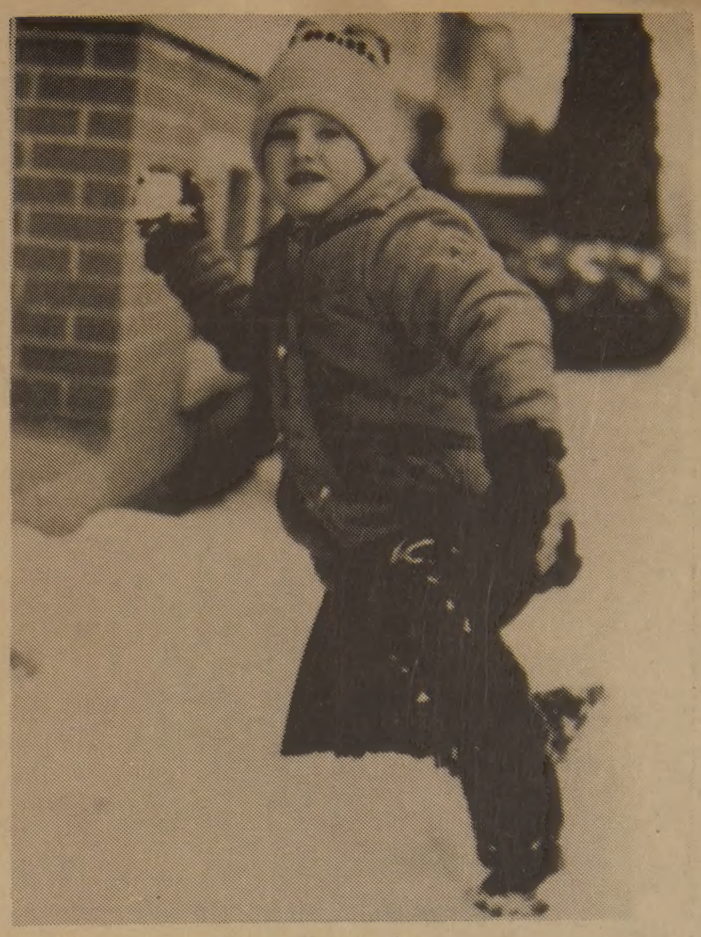
Outlines on formal and informal entertainment and invitations should prove most useful. At the dinner table, "loud guffaws" and "squeamish" topics, such as "accidents, illness, operations, nasty scandal, unaesthetic things" are considered gauche.

"I'd never ask my best friend whether he or she had dyed hair, false teeth, a wooden leg, or a glass eye, no matter how apparent these thing may be," Miss Vanderbilt remonstrates.

The fastidious gentleman would refrain from poking a woman in the ribs to make a point or address her by her first name without her permission, and would help her if she was struggling with her rubbers, boots, or an untied shoelace.

Children should be taught that in "polite society" it is a faux pas to "scratch, pick the teeth, spit, comb the hair or tend the nails...lick our fingers...pull our finger joints."

So, head up, shoulders back, chest out, everybody! Heaven forbid that anyone look uncultured in front of his friends.



Ready, aim...

Seven-year-old Lee McLean of Port Colborne takes advantage of the Nov. 29 snowfall while he can to bombard his friends. The first snow didn't last long, but he's hoping for more in time for the holidays.
(Photo by Suga)

Dental clinic successful, turn many people away

The restorative dental clinic on the third floor of the Simcoe building ended Dec. 1 and in all ways it was successful.

Dina Lacey, clinical technician, said there were 288 appointments made for the six weeks the clinic was in operation. Many people had to be turned away she said.

The restorative clinic was held this term four half-days a week. First year dental assistant students gained experience working with area dentists in a realistic dental situation in the clinic.

The clinic offered Niagara College students dental services at low fees.

"Anyone wanting to attend the restorative clinic next year should book an appointment early in September," Mrs. Lacey said.

Appointments are being accepted for the hygiene clinic for students beginning January. This term the hygiene clinic has been restricted to children in the Niagara area. More than 150 children have had their teeth cleaned and received hygiene instruction at the clinic. The services of the hygiene clinic are offered without charge to college students.

Frenchship Club sells cookbook, baked goods

The Frenchship Club has been working hard in a typical French manner — on food. The club is selling a French-Canadian cookbook it published, and a bake sale held Nov. 27 raised more than $100.

The cookbook, called La Cuisine Canadienne-Francaise a la facon des cordons-bleu (French-Canadian cooking in the style of the best cooks), is available in Portable Two for $1.

Marcella Therrien, French instructor, said the 125 copies of the cookbook have been reserved already. Mme. Therrien compiled the recipes from her personal files.

The profits from the bake sale, one of the most successful ever, will go towards Frenchship club projects, Mme. Therrien said. A trip to Quebec City during the March break is planned. A Christmas get-together, a Cafe Chantant, and the Celebrate Canada Festival are other projects the club is involved with.

At the bake sale, tickets were sold for 25 cents on a walnut torte, baked by Mme. Therrien. The torte was won by Mark Haynes, second year human relations, with number 262927. Mme. Therrien said many club members donated baked goods for the bake sale.

Board News Briefs

Staff gives more

Canvassers for the United Way campaign collected more than $6,800 from the staff, faculty and students of Niagara College, Jacqueline Robarts, college president reported to the Board of Governors at the Nov. 23 meeting.

"This is the best we have ever done and hopefully is only the beginning of greater things in years to come," she said.

Rename art gallery

Niagara Community Art Gallery, to be located in the front entrance of Hennepin Hall, had its name changed to Hennepin Art Gallery, Jacqueline Robarts, college president said.

The original name was confused with Niagara Falls Community Art Gallery. The first show will be at the end of March, 1979, and the first meeting of the gallery's board of directors was held Nov. 22.

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Card of Thanks

Stan Justesen and family would like to express their gratitude to the President and Staff of Niagara College for their kind remembrance upon the recent death of his father. Thank you.

Birth

DAVIES — Joan and David Davies are happy to announce the arrival of Jenny Ann, seven pounds, four ounces, in England. Mother and daughter are both well. Mr. Davies, chairman of human development, school of applied arts, is on sabbatical leave.

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